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1 AN ACT Relating to utility donations to hunger programs; adding a
2 new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.92
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.80 RCW; and adding a new
4 section to chapter 80.28 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Public utility districts may request voluntary donations from
9 their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger programs.

10 (2) Voluntary donations collected by public utility districts under
11 this section may be used by the public utility district to support the
12 maintenance and operation of hunger programs in the community.

13 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the
14 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business
15 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) Municipal utilities under this chapter may request voluntary
2 donations from their customers for the purpose of supporting hunger
3 programs.

4 (2) Voluntary donations collected by municipal utilities under this
5 section may be used by the municipal utility to support the maintenance
6 and operation of hunger programs in the community.

7 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the
8 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business
9 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.80 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Code cities providing utility services under this chapter may
13 request voluntary donations from their customers for the purpose of
14 supporting hunger programs.

15 (2) Voluntary donations collected by code cities under this section
16 may be used by the code city to support the maintenance and operation
17 of hunger programs in the community.

18 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the
19 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business
20 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 80.28 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 (1) Gas companies and electrical companies under this chapter may
24 request voluntary donations from their customers for the purpose of
25 supporting hunger programs.

26 (2) Voluntary donations collected by gas companies or electrical
27 companies under this chapter may be used by the gas companies or the
28 electrical companies to support the maintenance and operation of hunger
29 programs in the community.

30 (3) Donations received under this section do not contribute to the
31 gross income of a light and power business or gas distribution business
32 under chapter 82.16 RCW.

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