
State Government Committee

SB 5587

Brief Description: Authorizing funding and expenditures for the hosting of the annual conference of the national association of state treasurers.

Sponsors: Senators Becker and Kohl-Welles; by request of State Treasurer.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes that soliciting and accepting gifts for the purpose of hosting the annual conference of the National Association of State Treasurers is presumed not to influence under state ethics laws.

Hearing Date: 4/1/15

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

State ethics laws prohibit state officers and state employees from accepting gifts under circumstances where it could be reasonably expected that the gifts would influence their votes, actions, official judgment, or be considered as part of a reward for action or inaction. Limitations are also placed on gifts of a non-influential nature. Generally, gifts may not be accepted that have an aggregate value of \$50 or more during any calendar year from any single source.

Summary of Bill:

Gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises of real or personal property solicited on behalf of the annual conference of the National Association of State Treasurers is presumed not to influence under the state ethics laws, and may be accepted without regard to the \$50 limit.

Appropriation: None.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.