
SENATE BILL 5914

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By Senator Braun

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1 AN ACT Relating to public employer collection and remission of
2 dues and other amounts on behalf of labor organizations; adding a new
3 section to chapter 41.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 47.64
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.52 RCW; adding a new section
5 to chapter 41.59 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.80 RCW;
6 adding a new section to chapter 49.39 RCW; adding a new section to
7 chapter 41.76 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state and
10 local employers cover the administrative costs of dues and other
11 voluntary withholding collections and remittance as well as other
12 costs related to administering collective bargaining. The legislature
13 intends to cover a portion of the cost by retaining a small amount of
14 the dues and other amounts collected on behalf of and remitted to
15 public employee unions to cover a portion of the costs associated
16 with the public employment relations commission.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.56
18 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) A public employer that collects and remits dues and other
2 amounts on behalf of a labor organization may retain up to five
3 percent of the amount collected to offset the cost of administration.

4 (2)(a) The office of financial management shall establish the
5 amount retained by state agencies under subsection (1) of this
6 section. The rate must be the higher of: (i) At least two percent, or
7 (ii) a level that ensures that the funds retained are no less than
8 one-half of the total amount appropriated to the public employment
9 relations commission during the previous fiscal biennium.

10 (b) The amount retained by state agencies under this section must
11 be deposited to the personnel service fund under RCW 41.06.270 and
12 used for costs of the public employee relations commission.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.64
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.52
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 41.59
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 41.80
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 49.39
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 41.76
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 Section 2 of this act applies to employers under this chapter.

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