

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith
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Meeting Dates:	2/19, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes state agencies to establish voluntary contribution programs for projects of public interest for which no or inadequate funding exists. Directs Department of Administrative Services to establish Voluntary Contributions Account in General Fund and subaccount for each program established by state agency. Continuously appropriates moneys to designated programs, subject to expenditure limitation authority. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Basic framework for voluntary contribution program
- Ability to claim tax deduction for contribution to state agency
- Potential use as funding source for otherwise unfunded legislative mandate
- Grant of permission as opposed to directive to start using such programs
- Potential for future reporting requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: State agencies are not prohibited from receiving donations of funds under current law but they lack specific authorization to solicit support. House Bill 2381 allows agencies to identify projects of public interest with no or insufficient funding available and solicit funds to support them. The Department of Administrative Services currently accounts for moneys donated to state agencies and would also do so under the provisions of House Bill 2381.