

HOUSE BILL 714

Introduced by Brown, J., et al.

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 714
2 INTRODUCED BY Sen. Bruce A. Bonville
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER AN
6 IN-HOUSE WORKPLACE SOLICITATION PROGRAM TO PERMIT STATE
7 EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERTAIN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS;
8 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

10 STATEMENT OF INTENT

11 The purpose of this bill is to require the department
12 of administration to establish and operate a program for
13 soliciting contributions from state employees for nonprofit
14 charitable organizations that provide philanthropic human,
15 health, and welfare services.

16 The legislature acknowledges that it is appropriate for
17 the state of Montana as an employer to permit the
18 solicitation of contributions in the workplace to assist in
19 funding those organizations that alleviate human suffering
20 or improve the quality of life for Montana citizens.

21 A statement of intent is required for this bill because
22 [section 1(4)] requires the department of administration to
23 adopt rules to implement the in-house workplace solicitation
24 program. The legislature intends that the rules address the
25 areas outlined in [section 1(4)] and other areas necessary

1 for program implementation. In addition, the legislature
2 intends that the rules provide for equitable treatment of
3 voluntary organizations seeking contributions through the
4 program and for minimal disruption of the workplace during
5 solicitation campaigns.
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** In-house workplace
9 solicitation program for voluntary organizations. (1) The
10 department of administration shall establish and administer
11 an in-house workplace solicitation program permitting state
12 employees to contribute, through payroll deductions or cash
13 contributions, to voluntary organizations that:

14 (a) are nonprofit charitable organizations under 26
15 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. 170; and

16 (b) provide philanthropic human, health, and welfare
17 services to Montana communities.

18 (2) The department annually shall establish a list of
19 national and state voluntary organizations that have
20 requested and are eligible to receive contributions under
21 the in-house workplace solicitation program according to
22 rules adopted under subsection (4).

23 (3) The department may establish a local agency review
24 committee, consisting of five or more state employees, in an
25 area where state employee contributions are to be solicited.

1 The local agency review committee shall:

2 (a) determine whether any voluntary organizations
3 organized on a local level are eligible to receive
4 contributions under the in-house workplace solicitation
5 program;

6 (b) select a voluntary organization to manage the
7 local fundraising campaign on behalf of the voluntary
8 organizations that are soliciting contributions; and

9 (c) allocate contributions received from state
10 employees that are not designated for a particular voluntary
11 organization.

12 (4) The department shall adopt rules by June 1, 1989,
13 implementing the in-house workplace solicitation program
14 provided for in this section. The rules must address but are
15 not limited to the following:

16 (a) appointment of local agency review committees;

17 (b) procedures for a voluntary organization to apply
18 to receive contributions under the program;

19 (c) selection by a local agency review committee of a
20 voluntary organization to manage local fundraising
21 campaigns; and

22 (d) procedures for soliciting employee contributions
23 at the workplace.

24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective date. [This act] is
25 effective on passage and approval.

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