BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1519

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DIGEST

Currently, local communities across the state are working to raise donations, including corporate donations, for programs such as child care. If these donations are funneled through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), they can be used to match federal funds. This bill deletes the provision stating that TWC can only accept donations from certain tax-exempt organizations. **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1519 authorizes the Texas Workforce Commission to accept certain donations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 301.021, Labor Code, to delete text authorizing the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to accept donations exclusively from organizations listed in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3)). Prohibits TWC from accepting a donation from a person who is a party to an administrative proceeding pending before TWC until a certain date. Prohibits TWC from accepting a donation from a for-profit entity that has a contract with or submitted a bid responsive to a pending request for proposal issued by TWC for services or products valued at \$50,000 or greater, with exceptions. Prohibits a for-profit entity from submitting a bid responsive to a request for proposal or enter into a contract with TWC for a person for a certain length of time, with exceptions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.