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## SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2098

State of Washington 68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session

By House State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Taylor, Mena, Ryu, Chapman, Simmons, Reed, Ormsby, Macri, Thai, Doglio, Wylie, Reeves, and Gregerson)

- AN ACT Relating to expressly authorizing the women's commission to solicit gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources; amending RCW 43.119.050; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.119.050 and 2018 c 98 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:
- 8 The Washington state women's commission shall have the following 9 powers:
  - (1) ((Receive)) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources that are made for the use or benefit of the commission and to expend the same or any income therefrom according to their terms and the purpose of this chapter. The commission's executive director shall make a report of such funds received from private sources to the office of financial management on a regular basis. Such funds received from private sources shall not be applied to reduce or substitute for the commission's budget as appropriated by the legislature, but shall be applied and expended toward projects and functions authorized by this chapter that were not funded by the legislature.

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(2) In carrying out its duties, the commission may establish such relationships with public and private institutions, local governments, private industry, community organizations, and other segments of the general public as may be needed to promote equal opportunity for women in government, education, economic security, employment, and services.

- (3) The commission may adopt rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW as shall be necessary to implement the purpose of this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect April 6, 2024.

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