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Senate Bill 44 Union Exemption Based on Religious Conviction

Sponsor Statement

According to AS.40.220, an employee must pay dues to its union or employee association. However, there are exemptions for employees with proven religious convictions to have their dues donated to a charity chosen by the labor union. Senate Bill 44 makes a simple change to that provision by allowing those employees, not the labor union, choose which charity would receive the donation.

In SB 44 the same change would be applied to 42.40.880 that governs the Alaska Railroad labor union dues as well.