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**Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 77**

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**Bill Version: SB 77**

**Sponsor: Senator Con Bunde**

**Short Title: USING UNION DUES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES**

### **Summary:**

- Prohibits a labor organization or employee association from using an "agency shop fee" collected from a public employee for a political contribution or expenditure as defined in AS 15.13.400, unless approved by the employee.

### **Benefits:**

- Prevents the use of union dues for political activities that the person paying the dues may not be aware of, or may not support.
- Preserves the right for an employee to choose whether his or her dues are used for political activities.

### **Background:**

- State law allows public employers to deduct the monthly amount of dues, fees and other employee benefits from the payroll of a public employee. SB 77 prevents the union from using these agency shop fees for political purposes such as donating to a candidate or political party. The legislation does not apply to private sector unions, which are governed by the National Labor Relations Act.