

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 859 prohibits the expenditure of any state funds if the monies are spent on propaganda or publicity opposing rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights, material designed to defeat or support legislation or rules opposing these rights, or employment of any liaison or lobbyist advocating for or against legislation in opposition to these rights. The measure specifies that agencies may not advocate for the restriction or addition of any requirement to the sale of any products nor advocate for fines or taxes on any product related to those rights.

The measure establishes a \$1,000.00 penalty and/or a term of imprisonment not lasting more than one year. Elected officials are exempted from the provisions of this measure. Persons and governmental entities are not deemed to have violated the provisions of this bill if they are discussing the merits of any legislation, rule, regulation, administrative action or order.

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