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Mr. President:

The Education Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **2nd Sub. H.B. 279**, HIGHER EDUCATION CODE AMENDMENTS, by Representative V. L. Peterson, with the following amendments:

## Amendment 1

1 *Line 459 through 470:*

459     (4) Notwithstanding Subsections (1) and (2), as part of a standard procurement process  
460     conducted by an institution of higher education described in Section 53H-1-102:  
461     (a) the institution or an institution employee acting on the institution's behalf may:  
462     (i) request a contribution, sponsorship, or other { **value-added** } offering **for the**  
463     **institution's benefit** in the  
464     institution's solicitation; or  
465     (ii) consider and evaluate, as part of a solicitation's evaluation criteria, a contribution,  
466     sponsorship, or other value-added offering offered in a vendor's solicitation  
467     response; and  
468     (b) **in response to a solicitation that requests a contribution, sponsorship, or other**  
469     **offering for the institutions benefit,** a vendor may offer a contribution, sponsorship, or other  
470     { **value-added** } offering **for the institution's benefit** in the  
471     vendor's solicitation response.  
472     ~~(4)~~ (5) A person who engages in the conduct made unlawful under Subsection (1) or (2)  
is

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470 guilty of:

Respectfully,

John D. Johnson  
Chair

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