

6596-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on State & Local Government
(originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Patterson, Oke and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Requiring legislative hearings on initiatives and referendums.

SB 6596-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, after certification of sufficiency by the secretary of state and no less than thirty days before the initiatives and referendum measures are submitted to a vote of the people, the legislature shall hold hearings on each initiative and referendum.

The standing committees of the senate and house of representatives to which the matter, if it had been made the subject of a bill introduced in the legislature and by the same process used by the legislature to refer bills to standing committees, would have been referred, shall hold the hearings.

Declares that nothing in this act may be held to diminish the constitutional rights of any person or to limit or repeal any other requirements imposed by statute or otherwise recognized by law. In no event may any initiative or referendum measure be subject to any claim of invalidity made under this act.