FINAL BILL REPORT SB 6571

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing fiscal impact statements for ballot measures.

Sponsors: Senators Franklin, Gardner, Fraser, Winsley, Keiser, McCaslin, Hargrove, Regala, Shin, Jacobsen, Snyder, Poulsen, Costa, B. Sheldon, Kastama, Spanel, Haugen, Fairley, Thibaudeau, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles and Oke.

Senate Committee on State & Local Government House Committee on State Government House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Fiscal notes are prepared by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) when requested to do so on bills during the legislative session. No such analysis is prepared for ballot measures or referenda.

Initiatives to the people appear in the state voters' pamphlet printed and distributed by the Secretary of State. In addition to the full text of the initiatives, the voters' pamphlet contains ballot measure summaries prepared by the Attorney General and statements for and against the measures prepared by specially appointed committees.

Summary: OFM, in consultation with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, must prepare fiscal impact statements on ballot measures. The statement must include both a summary of up to 100 words and a more detailed statement of the assumptions made in order to develop the fiscal impacts. The Secretary of State must make the statement available online and include it in the state voters' pamphlet.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 30 18

House 58 38 (House amended)

Senate (Senate refused to concur)

House 57 40 (House receded) House 55 42 (House reconsidered)

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