
SENATE BILL 6186

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1 AN ACT Relating to fee restrictions; amending RCW 43.135.031; and
2 repealing RCW 43.135.055.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.135.031 and 2016 c 1 s 4 (Initiative Measure No.
5 1366) are each amended to read as follows:

6 (1) For any bill introduced in either the house of
7 representatives or the senate that raises taxes as defined by RCW
8 43.135.033 (~~or increases fees~~), the office of financial management
9 must expeditiously determine its cost to the taxpayers in its first
10 ten years of imposition, must promptly and without delay report the
11 results of its analysis by public press release via email to each
12 member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate,
13 the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these
14 releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a
15 year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue
16 source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be
17 included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The
18 press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their
19 contact information, who are sponsors and cosponsors of the bill so
20 they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the
21 public.

1 (2) Any time any legislative committee schedules a public hearing
2 on a bill that raises taxes as defined by RCW 43.135.033 or increases
3 fees, the office of financial management must promptly and without
4 delay report the results of its most up-to-date analysis of the bill
5 required by subsection (1) of this section and the date, time, and
6 location of the hearing by public press release via email to each
7 member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate,
8 the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these
9 releases on its web site. The press release required by this
10 subsection must include all the information required by subsection
11 (1) of this section and the names of the legislators, and their
12 contact information, who are members of the legislative committee
13 conducting the hearing so they can provide information to, and answer
14 questions from, the public.

15 (3) Each time a bill that raises taxes as defined by RCW
16 43.135.033 (~~or increases fees~~) is approved by any legislative
17 committee or by at least a simple majority in either the house of
18 representatives or the senate, the office of financial management
19 must expeditiously reexamine and redetermine its ten-year cost
20 projection due to amendment or other changes during the legislative
21 process, must promptly and without delay report the results of its
22 most up-to-date analysis by public press release via email to each
23 member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate,
24 the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these
25 releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a
26 year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue
27 source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be
28 included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The
29 press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their
30 contact information, and how they voted on the bill so they can
31 provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

32 (4) For the purposes of this section, "names of legislators, and
33 their contact information" includes each legislator's position
34 (senator or representative), first name, last name, party affiliation
35 (for example, Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in,
36 office phone number, and office email address.

37 (5) For the purposes of this section, "news media" means any
38 member of the press or media organization, including newspapers,
39 radio, and television, that signs up with the office of financial
40 management to receive the public press releases by email.

1 (6) For the purposes of this section, "the public" means any
2 person, group, or organization that signs up with the office of
3 financial management to receive the public press releases by email.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.135.055 (Fee restrictions—
5 Exception) and 2013 c 1 s 4, 2011 c 1 s 5, 2008 c 1 s 14, 2001 c 314
6 s 19, 1997 c 303 s 2, & 1994 c 2 s 8 are each repealed.

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