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3 By Representative

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5 On page 2, line 4, after "context" insert ", including which
6 specific government services or programs will be impacted"

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10 On page 3, after line 8, insert the following:

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29.79 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 If a fiscal impact statement identifies a combined financial impact
14 of at least twenty-five million dollars on state and local governments,
15 the office of financial management shall prepare a notice of probable
16 fiscal impacts to be placed on the ballot beneath the ballot title.
17 The office of financial management shall prepare a notice of probable
18 fiscal impacts in consultation with the secretary of state, the
19 attorney general, and any other appropriate state or local agencies.

20 The notice of probable impacts must be no more than fifty words in
21 length, and written in clear and concise language, avoiding legal and
22 technical terms when possible. Where appropriate, the notice of
23 probable impacts may include both estimated dollar amounts and a
24 description placing the estimated dollar amounts into context,
25 including which specific government services or programs will be
26 impacted.

27 The notice of probable impacts must appear on all ballots directly
28 beneath the ballot title. Above the notice must be a heading in
29 capital letters, stating "NOTICE OF PROBABLE FISCAL IMPACTS OF BALLOT
30 MEASURE."

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29.30.081 and 1990 c 59 s 13 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

1 (1) On the top of each ballot there shall be printed instructions
2 directing the voters how to mark the ballot, including write-in votes.
3 After the instructions and before the offices shall be placed the
4 questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any other state
5 measure authorized by law to be submitted to the voters at that
6 election. If a state measure has a combined fiscal impact of at least
7 twenty-five million dollars on state and local governments, a fifty
8 word notice of probable fiscal impacts prepared by the office of
9 financial management under section 3 of this act must be placed on the
10 ballot beneath the ballot title.

11 (2) The candidate or candidates of the major political party which
12 received the highest number of votes from the electors of this state
13 for the office of president of the United States at the last
14 presidential election shall appear first following the appropriate
15 office heading, the candidate or candidates of the other major
16 political parties shall follow according to the votes cast for their
17 nominees for president at the last presidential election, and
18 independent candidates and the candidate or candidates of all other
19 parties shall follow in the order of their qualification with the
20 secretary of state.

21 (3) The names of candidates for president and vice-president for
22 each political party shall be grouped together with a single response
23 position for a voter to indicate his or her choice.

24 (4) All paper ballots and ballot cards shall be sequentially
25 numbered in such a way to permit removal of such numbers without
26 leaving any identifying marks on the ballot.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 immediately."

31 Correct the title.

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