

**ESSB 5082 - H AMD 610**

By Representative Goehner

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1 On page 1, beginning on line 8, beginning with "**STATEMENT**" strike  
2 all material through "**II**" on page 2, line 3

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4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
5 internal references accordingly.

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7 On page 2, line 4, after "**VOTES**" insert "**AND ENACTMENT OF TAX**  
8 **INCREASE CONSENT VOTES**

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.72 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) For every legislative action raising taxes as defined by  
13 RCW 43.135.034 that is not referred to the people by a referendum  
14 petition found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, a measure for a  
15 non-binding tax increase consent vote is required and shall be placed  
16 on the next general election ballot under this chapter. Each tax  
17 being increased is subject to a separate vote.

18 (2) By August 1 of each year, the attorney general must send  
19 written notice to the secretary of state of any tax increase subject  
20 to a tax increase consent vote. The secretary of state must assign a  
21 serial number to the measure within five business days and transmit a  
22 copy to the attorney general.

23 (3) Within five business days of receipt from the secretary of  
24 state, the attorney general must formulate a short description of the  
25 tax increase consent vote. The description may not exceed twenty-  
26 seven words and is not subject to appeal. The description must be  
27 formulated and displayed on the ballot as follows: "The legislature

1 imposed, (identification of tax and description of increase), costing  
2 (most up-to-date four-year cost projection, expressed in dollars and  
3 rounded to the nearest million) in its first four years, for  
4 government spending. This tax increase should be ..."

5 (4) Voters shall be given the option to choose "Disapproved" or  
6 "Approved."

7 (5) After the short description is completed, the attorney general  
8 must transmit it to the secretary of state for filing."

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10 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
11 internal references accordingly.

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13 On page 3, line 4, after ";" insert "and"

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15 On page 3, line 5, after "((+" insert "))."

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17 On page 3, at the beginning of line 6, strike "~~(11)~~" and insert  
18 "(11) ("

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20 On page 3, line 20, after "~~address~~)" insert "The requirements in  
21 this section do not apply to tax increase consent votes. Instead, two  
22 pages in the voters' pamphlet shall be provided to each tax increase  
23 consent vote, which must include:

24 (a) The short description of the tax increase consent vote;

25 (b) The tax increase's most up-to-date four-year cost projection,  
26 including a year-by-year breakdown, by the office of financial  
27 management under RCW 43.135.031; and

28 (c) The names of legislators and how they voted on the tax  
29 increase upon final passage, along with the legislators' office email  
30 address and phone number, and party affiliation"

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32 On page 3, line 35, after "~~people~~.))" insert "This section does  
33 not apply to tax increase consent votes."

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1 On page 4, line 11, after "~~the~~") insert "Tax increase consent votes  
2 shall also receive a serial number of a separate series under this  
3 section."

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5 On page 4, beginning on line 20, after "measures" strike all  
6 material through "~~people~~)" on line 21 and insert "and serial numbers  
7 and short descriptions of (~~measures submitted for an advisory vote of~~  
8 ~~the people~~) tax increase consent votes"

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10 On page 4, beginning on line 29, after "measures" strike all  
11 material through "~~people~~)" on line 30 and insert "and measures for  
12 (~~an advisory vote of the people~~) a tax increase consent vote"

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14 On page 5, beginning on line 3, after "~~votes~~" strike all material  
15 through "~~(7)~~)" on line 4 and insert ") tax increase consent votes;  
16 (7)"

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18 On page 5, line 14, after "**PART**" strike "**III**" and insert "**II**"

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20 On page 5, line 22, after "29A.32.070" insert ", and each tax  
21 increase consent vote"

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23 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Replaces the repealed advisory votes with non-binding  
"Tax Increase Consent Votes" on legislative action that raises  
taxes, to appear on the ballot each year. Provides that the short  
description does not contain the words "without a vote of the  
people," which had been included in the description for advisory  
votes. Provides that the voters be given a four-year cost  
projection for each tax increase, rather than the ten-year  
projection that was provided for advisory votes. Specifies that  
voters may choose to express whether the tax increase should be  
"Approved" or "Disapproved," rather than the options "Repealed" or  
"Maintained" that were provided for advisory votes. Removes the  
intent section.

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