

**SSB 5082** - S AMD TO S AMD (S-0966.3/23) 21

By Senator J. Wilson

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1 On page 1, line 11, after "values.", strike all material through  
2 "43.135.031." on page 6, line 39 and insert the following:

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**PART II**

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**BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE**

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7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.72  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The blue ribbon task force on advisory votes is created to  
10 improve the process for gathering public input on legislative  
11 measures which raise taxes or fees by:

12 (a) Evaluating advisory votes;

13 (b) Evaluating the effectiveness of the advisory vote process at  
14 communicating the activities of the legislature on tax issues to the  
15 public; and

16 (c) Incorporating suggestions from the public on how to improve  
17 the advisory vote process.

18 (2) The task force is composed of the following members:

19 (a) Eight members representing nonprofit, nonpartisan  
20 organizations focused on state tax issues, of which:

21 (i) Two members must be appointed by the majority leader of the  
22 senate;

23 (ii) Two members must be appointed by the minority leader of the  
24 senate;

25 (iii) Two members must be appointed by the speaker of the house  
26 of representatives; and

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1 (iv) Two members must be appointed by the minority leader of the  
2 house of representatives;

3 (b) Two members appointed by the governor;

4 (c) Two members appointed by the secretary of state; and

5 (d) Two members appointed by the Washington association of  
6 county auditors.

7 (3) Each appointing authority under subsection (2)(b) through  
8 (d) of this section must select one appointee who is an appointed  
9 public official and one private citizen, with a preference for  
10 private citizens with experience in state tax issues, public  
11 financing, or state ballot measures.

12 (4) The task force must hold public meetings for the purpose of  
13 gathering public testimony and input. The task force must hold at  
14 least one public meeting in each congressional district in the  
15 state. Public notice must be given of all meetings under the  
16 requirements in chapter 42.30 RCW. The task force must provide  
17 options for remote public participation. Whenever possible, meetings  
18 of the task force must be held at locations that provide  
19 accommodations for persons with accessibility or mobility issues.  
20 The task force must also consult with experts in election  
21 administration, public polling, public sector finance, and other  
22 areas as the task force deems appropriate to further the purposes of  
23 this section and may invite their testimony at public meetings.

24 (5) The task force must provide a report with its findings and  
25 recommendations on improvements to the advisory vote process to the  
26 relevant committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024.

27 (6) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
28 secretary of state.

29 (7) Members must be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.220  
30 in addition to travel expenses provided by RCW 43.03.050 and  
31 43.03.060.

32 (8) This section expires January 1, 2025.

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3 On page 7, beginning on line 1, after "line" strike all material  
4 through "43.135.041." on line 5 and insert "1 of the title, after  
5 "to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating the blue  
6 ribbon task force on advisory votes; adding a new section to chapter  
7 29A.72 RCW; adding a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Replaces all language from the underlying bill which  
abolished advisory votes and required the creation of a website with  
information about the state budget and revenue-generating measures  
and some of the statement of legislative intent with provisions for  
the creation of a blue ribbon task force to provide recommendations  
on improving the process for gathering public input on legislation  
that raises taxes or fees.

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