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BALLOT MEASURES--FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

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### CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6571** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

FRANK CHOPP

TONY M. COOK

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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By 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

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to information about ballot measures; amending RCW
- 2 29.81.250; and adding a new section to chapter 29.79 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.79 RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 The office of financial management, in consultation with the
- 7 secretary of state, the attorney general, and any other appropriate
- 8 state or local agency, shall prepare a fiscal impact statement for each
- 9 of the following state ballot measures: (1) An initiative to the
- 10 people that is certified to the ballot; (2) an initiative to the
- 11 legislature that will appear on the ballot; (3) an alternative measure
- 12 appearing on the ballot that the legislature proposes to an initiative
- 13 to the legislature; (4) a referendum bill referred to voters by the
- 14 legislature; and (5) a referendum measure appearing on the ballot.
- 15 Fiscal impact statements must be written in clear and concise language
- 16 and avoid legal and technical terms when possible, and may include
- 17 easily understood graphics.
- 18 A fiscal impact statement must describe any projected increase or
- 19 decrease in revenues, costs, expenditures, or indebtedness that the

- 1 state or local governments will experience if the ballot measure were
- 2 approved by state voters. Where appropriate, a fiscal impact statement
- 3 may include both estimated dollar amounts and a description placing the
- 4 estimated dollar amounts into context. A fiscal impact statement must
- 5 include both a summary of not to exceed one hundred words and a more
- 6 detailed statement that includes the assumptions that were made to
- 7 develop the fiscal impacts.
- 8 Fiscal impact statements must be available online from the
- 9 secretary of state's web site and included in the state voters'
- 10 pamphlet.
- 11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.81.250 and 1999 c 260 s 5 are each amended to read
- 12 as follows:
- 13 The secretary of state shall determine the format and layout of the
- 14 voters' pamphlet. The secretary of state shall print the pamphlet in
- 15 clear, readable type on a size, quality, and weight of paper that in
- 16 the judgment of the secretary of state best serves the voters. The
- 17 pamphlet must contain a table of contents. Federal and state offices
- 18 must appear in the pamphlet in the same sequence as they appear on the
- 19 ballot. Measures and arguments must be printed in the order specified
- 20 by RCW 29.79.300.
- 21 The voters' pamphlet must provide the following information for
- 22 each statewide issue on the ballot:
- 23 (1) The legal identification of the measure by serial designation
- 24 or number;
- 25 (2) The official ballot title of the measure;
- 26 (3) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the law
- 27 as it presently exists;
- 28 (4) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the
- 29 effect of the proposed measure if it becomes law;
- 30 (5) The fiscal impact statement prepared under section 1 of this
- 31 <u>act;</u>
- 32 <u>(6)</u> The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in
- 33 the senate and house of representatives, if the measure has been passed
- 34 by the legislature;
- 35 (((6))) An argument advocating the voters' approval of the
- 36 measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing
- 37 argument;

- 1  $((\frac{7}{}))$  (8) An argument advocating the voters' rejection of the 2 measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing 3 argument;
- 4 ((\(\frac{(\(\frac{1}{8}\)\)}{1}\)) (9) Each argument or rebuttal statement must be followed by
  5 the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may be
  6 followed by a telephone number that citizens may call to obtain
  7 information on the ballot measure;
- 8  $((\frac{9}{10}))$  (10) The full text of each measure.

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