

1559

Sponsor(s): Representative McDermott

Brief Description: Requiring more official information about initiatives.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Directs the attorney general to prepare a comprehensive summary of each initiative to the people that is certified to the ballot and each initiative to the legislature, and any alternative measure proposed by the legislature that will appear on the ballot. The comprehensive summary must include a detailed description of the initiative provisions, a discussion of potential constitutional issues that may arise from the initiative if it were to be approved by state voters, and an executive summary of the description and potential constitutional issues.

Directs the office of financial management to prepare a fiscal note for each initiative to the people that is certified to the ballot and each initiative to the legislature, and any alternative measure proposed by the legislature that will appear on the ballot. The fiscal note must describe any projected increases or decreases in revenues, costs, expenditures, or indebtedness that the state and local governments will experience if the initiative measure were approved by state voters.

Provides that, in addition to other information required to be included in the voters' pamphlet on an initiative, the secretary of state shall include the initiative's comprehensive summary prepared under this act and the initiative's fiscal note prepared under this act. This additional information must be presented highlighting the executive summaries.