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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Kastama, Deccio and Keiser

Brief Description: Permitting hearings on initiatives and referendums.

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Finds that as the state officer with the responsibility of certifying initiatives to the ballot, the secretary of state should provide a formal opportunity for the general public to hear information about a ballot measure in a public setting with an opportunity for both proponents and opponents of the measure to present their arguments.

Declares an intent for the secretary to be a facilitator in this process and as such should maintain a neutral or nonbiased course of action throughout the public hearing process.