

ESSB 5082 - H AMD 609

By Representative Walsh

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1 On page 4, beginning on line 26, after "numbers" strike ", ballot
2 titles, and public investment impact disclosures" and insert "and
3 ballot titles"

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5 On page 5, line 10, after "9;" strike "and"

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7 On page 5, after line 13, insert the following:

8 "(4) RCW 29A.72.027 (Public investment impact disclosures) and
9 2022 c 114 s 2; and

10 (5) RCW 29A.72.028 (Public investment impact disclosures—Appeal
11 to superior court) and 2022 c 114 s 6.

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13 **Sec. 8.** RCW 29A.72.050 and 2022 c 114 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The ballot title for an initiative to the people, an
16 initiative to the legislature, a referendum bill, or a referendum
17 measure consists of: (a) A statement of the subject of the measure;
18 (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question in the
19 form prescribed in this section for the ballot measure in question.
20 The statement of the subject of a measure must be sufficiently broad
21 to reflect the subject of the measure, sufficiently precise to give
22 notice of the measure's subject matter, and not exceed ten words.
23 The concise description must contain no more than thirty words, be a
24 true and impartial description of the measure's essential contents,
25 clearly identify the proposition to be voted on, and not, to the
26 extent reasonably possible, create prejudice either for or against
27 the measure.

2. Regardless of whether you voted yes or no above, if one of these measures is enacted, which one should it be?

Measure No.

or

Measure No."

((+5)) (4) For a referendum bill submitted to the people by the legislature, the ballot issue ((and public investment impact disclosure, if applicable,)) must be displayed on the ballot substantially as follows:

"The legislature has passed Bill No. . . . concerning (statement of subject). This bill would (concise description). ((Public investment impact disclosure, if applicable,)) Should this bill be:

Approved
Rejected"

((+6)) (5) For a referendum measure by state voters on a bill the legislature has passed, the ballot issue ((and public investment impact disclosure, if applicable,)) must be displayed on the ballot substantially as follows:

"The legislature passed Bill No. . . . concerning (statement of subject) and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. This bill would (concise description). ((Public investment impact disclosure, if applicable,)) Should this bill be:

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Rejected"

((+7)) (6) The legislature may specify the statement of subject or concise description, or both, in a referendum bill that it refers to the people. The legislature may specify the concise description for an alternative it submits for an initiative to the legislature. If the legislature fails to specify these matters, the attorney

1 general shall prepare the material that was not specified. The
2 statement of subject and concise description as so provided must be
3 included as part of the ballot title unless changed on appeal.

4 The attorney general shall specify the statement of subject and
5 concise description for an initiative to the people, an initiative
6 to the legislature, and a referendum measure. The statement of
7 subject and concise description as so provided must be included as
8 part of the ballot title unless changed on appeal."

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

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13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Repeals the requirement for a public investment impact disclosure to appear on the ballot as part of the ballot title for state ballot measures that affect taxes or fees and cause a net change in state revenue.

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