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Sponsor(s): House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Haigh, Tom, McDermott, Romero and Wallace)

Brief Description: Revising the requirements for obtaining signatures on an initiative or referendum petition.

**HB 1169-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires any person soliciting or procuring signatures for an initiative or referendum petition governed by chapter 29.79 RCW to disclose whether he or she is receiving compensation or other consideration for soliciting or procuring such signatures by wearing a visible button or sticker on the front of the body above the waist that accurately states "Paid" or "Volunteer" in print large enough to occupy at least two inches in width.

Provides that, prior to soliciting or procuring the signature of a voter on an initiative or referendum petition, the person soliciting or procuring signatures must: (1) Accurately describe to the voter the impact that the initiative or referendum will have on the law of this state;

(2) Give the voter a copy of the seventy-five word summary of the measure formulated by the attorney general pursuant to RCW 29.79.040; and

(3) Ask the voter if he or she is registered to vote in Washington, and if he or she has already signed a petition for the same initiative or referendum. A voter is not required to display identification prior to signing an initiative or referendum petition.