

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5616

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, February 21, 2001

Title: An act relating to the state voters' pamphlet.

Brief Description: Directing a state voters' pamphlet for primaries.

Sponsors: Senators Patterson, Horn and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/8/01, 2/21/01 [DP-WM].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Haugen, Horn, Kline, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: The Secretary of State must, whenever at least one statewide measure or office is scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, print and distribute a voters' pamphlet. The voters' pamphlet is distributed to each household in the state, to public libraries, and to any other locations the Secretary deems appropriate.

Summary of Bill: Whenever at least one statewide measure or office is scheduled to appear on the primary ballot, the Secretary of State must print and distribute a voters' pamphlet.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Although it is an added expense, the information value to the voter is important.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Bob Terwilliger, Washington State Association of County Auditors; Robert Bruce, Washington State Association of County Auditors, King County; Sam Reed, Secretary of State.