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Sponsor(s): Senator Kastama

Brief Description: Enacting the Washington clean elections act.

SB 6673 - DIGEST

Finds that our current election-financing system: (1) Gives incumbents an unhealthy advantage over challengers;

(2) Hinders communication to voters by many qualified candidates;

(3) Undermines public confidence in the integrity of public officials;

(4) Drives up the cost of running for state office, discouraging otherwise qualified candidates who lack personal wealth or access to special interest funding; and

(5) Requires that elected officials spend too much of their time raising funds rather than representing the public.

Establishes an alternative campaign financing option available to candidates running for state senator and state representative.

Declares the alternative campaign financing program is funded entirely through voluntary donations made by individuals.