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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Jacobsen, Haugen, Winsley, Kohl-Welles and Oke; by request of Office of Financial Management)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal impact statements on ballot measures; and
2 amending RCW 29.79.075.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.79.075 and 2002 c 139 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The office of financial management, in consultation with the
7 secretary of state, the attorney general, the appropriate committees of
8 the legislature, the sponsor, and any other appropriate state or local
9 agency, shall prepare a fiscal impact statement for each of the
10 following state ballot measures: (1) An initiative to the people that
11 is certified to the ballot; (2) an initiative to the legislature that
12 will appear on the ballot; (3) an alternative measure appearing on the
13 ballot that the legislature proposes to an initiative to the
14 legislature; (4) a referendum bill referred to voters by the
15 legislature; and (5) a referendum measure appearing on the ballot.
16 Fiscal impact statements must be written in clear and concise language
17 and avoid legal and technical terms when possible, and may include
18 easily understood graphics.

1 A fiscal impact statement must describe any projected increase or
2 decrease in revenues, costs, expenditures, or indebtedness that the
3 state or local governments will experience if the ballot measure were
4 approved by state voters. A fiscal impact statement may describe, to
5 the extent feasible, any direct fiscal impact private industry or
6 individuals will experience if the ballot measure were approved by
7 state voters. Where appropriate, a fiscal impact statement may include
8 both estimated dollar amounts and a description placing the estimated
9 dollar amounts into context. A fiscal impact statement must include
10 both a summary of not to exceed one hundred words and a more detailed
11 statement that includes the assumptions that were made to develop the
12 fiscal impacts.

13 Fiscal impact statements must be available online from the
14 secretary of state's web site and included in the state voters'
15 pamphlet.

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