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Sponsor(s): Representatives Haigh, Armstrong, Hunt, Nixon, McDermott, Tom, Miloscia and Linville

Brief Description: Permitting hearings on initiatives and referendums.

**HB 1521 - DIGEST**

Finds that as the state officer with the responsibility of certifying measures to the ballot, the secretary of state should provide a formal opportunity for the general public to hear information about the impact of a ballot measure in a public setting with an opportunity for both proponents and opponents of a measure to present their arguments.

Intends for the secretary to be a facilitator in this process and as such should maintain a neutral or nonbiased course of action throughout the public hearing process.