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1            AN ACT Relating to information included in the voters' pamphlet;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 29A.32 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to provide every  
5 voter with the information about how Washington municipal governments,  
6 state government, and the federal government receive their income, how  
7 they distribute it, and how the tax structure works.

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.32 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10            (1) For each voters' pamphlet prepared for the general election,  
11 the office of financial management must prepare the following charts:

12            (a) A pie chart showing the amount of state revenues generated by  
13 major type of tax;

14            (b) A bar chart comparing Washington state's general fund and the  
15 average of states' general funds by:

16            (i) General sales tax;

17            (ii) Selective sales tax;

18            (iii) Property tax;

1 (iv) Income tax; and  
2 (v) Other tax;  
3 (c) A pie chart showing general fund state expenditures by major  
4 expenditure categories;  
5 (d) A pie chart showing the state's general fund expenditures  
6 protected by state and federal law and nonprotected expenditures;  
7 (e) A bar chart showing the percentage of income paid in federal,  
8 state, and local taxes by income brackets, as follows:  
9 (i) Under twenty thousand dollars;  
10 (ii) Between twenty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars;  
11 (iii) Between forty thousand dollars and sixty thousand dollars;  
12 (iv) Between sixty thousand dollars and eighty thousand dollars;  
13 (v) Between eighty thousand dollars and one hundred thousand  
14 dollars;  
15 (vi) Between one hundred thousand dollars and one hundred  
16 twenty-five thousand dollars;  
17 (vii) Between one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars and one  
18 hundred fifty thousand dollars;  
19 (viii) Between one hundred fifty thousand dollars and two hundred  
20 thousand dollars;  
21 (ix) Between two hundred thousand dollars and five hundred thousand  
22 dollars; and  
23 (x) Over five hundred thousand dollars;  
24 (f) A bar chart comparing federal tax collections from 1940 until  
25 2010 from:  
26 (i) Individuals who earn less than two hundred fifty thousand  
27 dollars per year;  
28 (ii) Individuals who earn more than two hundred fifty thousand  
29 dollars per year;  
30 (iii) Corporations; and  
31 (iv) Small Businesses;  
32 (g) A line graph showing percentage of income paid to taxes from  
33 1940 until 2010 for the:  
34 (i) Top twenty percent of income earners' income;  
35 (ii) Middle twenty percent of income earners' income; and  
36 (iii) Bottom twenty percent of income earners' income;  
37 (h) A bar graph showing the amount of tax expenditures for

1 corporations from 1940 until 2010 charted against the expected tax base  
2 without tax expenditures; and

3 (i) A pie chart showing the top five percent corporate wage earners  
4 who, between 2000 and 2010:

5 (i) Paid taxes; and

6 (ii) Did not pay taxes.

7 (2) Each chart must contain a brief description in neutral terms.

8 The charts must be placed on consecutive pages in the voters' pamphlet.

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