
SENATE BILL 5832

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By Senators Chase and Roach

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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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