

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5637

As of February 13, 2013

Title: An act relating to primary election voters' pamphlets.

Brief Description: Concerning primary election voters' pamphlets.

Sponsors: Senators Hasegawa, Fain, Mullet and Chase; by request of Secretary of State.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Governmental Operations:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

Background: The Secretary of State must print and distribute a voters' pamphlet to each household in the state, public libraries, and other locations the Secretary of State deems appropriate whenever a statewide ballot measure or office is scheduled to appear on the general election ballot. The voters' pamphlet may also be made available electronically. There is no requirement to print and distribute a voters' pamphlet for a primary election or a general election where no statewide ballot measure or office is scheduled to appear.

When printed, the voters' pamphlet must contain the following information:

- information about ballot measures and advisory vote measures;
- candidate statements, if submitted;
- contact information for the Public Disclosure Commission;
- contact information for the major political parties;
- a statement explaining the amendatory style used in ballot measures; and
- any additional information required by law or that the Secretary of State deems informative to voters.

Summary of Bill: Voters' pamphlets must be printed and distributed for the general election every year and for the primary election in even-numbered years.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.