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SENATE BILL 6561

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State of Washington

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By Senator Chase

Read first time 02/11/14. Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to notice of legislative committee hearings; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) At least five days' notice must be given of all public hearings  
7 held by any legislative committee other than a committee on rules. The  
8 notice must contain the date, time, and place of the hearing together  
9 with the title and number of each bill, or identification of the  
10 subject matter, to be considered at the hearing. By a majority vote of  
11 the committee members present at any committee meeting, the notice may  
12 be dispensed with. The reason for the action must be set forth in a  
13 written statement preserved in the records of the meeting.

14 (2) No legislative committee may hold a public hearing during a  
15 regular or special session on a proposal identified as a draft unless  
16 the draft has been made available to the public at least twenty-four  
17 hours before the hearing. This rule does not apply during the five

1 days before any cutoff established by concurrent resolution nor does it  
2 apply to any measure exempted from the cutoff resolution.

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