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**State Government & Tribal Relations  
Committee**

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**HB 2224**

**Brief Description:** Concerning fiscal impact statements on state ballot measures.

**Sponsors:** Representative Walsh.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Office of Financial Management to provide a reasonable projection of the fiscal impact of a ballot measure if its fiscal impact is indeterminate.

**Hearing Date:** 1/15/20

**Staff:** Carrington Skinner (786-7192).

**Background:**

Among other duties, the Office of Financial Management (OFM), in consultation with other entities, is required to prepare fiscal impact statements for the following ballot measures:

- an initiative to the people that is certified to the ballot;
- an initiative to the Legislature that will appear on the ballot;
- an alternative measure appearing on the ballot that the Legislature proposes to an initiative to the Legislature;
- a referendum bill referred to voters by the Legislature; and
- a referendum measure appearing on the ballot.

These fiscal impact statements must:

- describe projected increases or decreases in revenues, costs, expenditures, or indebtedness that the state or local government will experience if the ballot measure is approved by voters;
- include a summary not to exceed 100 words;

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- provide a more detailed statement that includes any assumptions used made to develop the fiscal impacts; and
- be filed with the Secretary of State no later than August 10.

When appropriate, the fiscal impact statement may include estimated dollar amounts and a description that places the estimated dollar amount into context. Fiscal impact statements must be posted on the Secretary of State's website and included in the state voters' pamphlet.

**Summary of Bill:**

The OFM is required to provide a reasonable projection of the range of potential fiscal impact if the fiscal impact of a ballot measure is indeterminate. This projection must be based on reputable methods of fiscal analysis.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.