ESSB 5082 - H AMD 605
    By Representative Orcutt

                                    SCOPE AND OBJECT 04/07/2023

1   On page 1, beginning on line 8, beginning with "**STATEMENT**" strike
2 all material through "**II**" on page 2, line 3
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4   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
5 internal references accordingly.
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7   On page 2, line 4, after "**VOTES**" insert "**AND ENACTMENT OF TAX**
8 **INCREASE CONSENT VOTES**
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10   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1**. A new section is added to chapter 29A.72 RCW
11 to read as follows:
12   (1) For every legislative action raising taxes as defined by
13 RCW 43.135.034 that is not referred to the people by a referendum
14 petition found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, a measure for a
15 tax increase consent vote is required and shall be placed on the next
16 general election ballot under this chapter. Each tax being increased
17 is subject to a separate vote.
18   (2) By August 1 of each year, the attorney general must send
19 written notice to the secretary of state of any tax increase subject
20 to a tax increase consent vote. The secretary of state must assign a
21 serial number to the measure within five business days and transmit a
22 copy to the attorney general.
23   (3) Within five business days of receipt from the secretary of
24 state, the attorney general must formulate a short description of the
25 tax increase consent vote. The description may not exceed thirty-
26 three words and is not subject to appeal. The description must be
27 formulated and displayed on the ballot as follows: "The legislature

1 imposed, without a vote of the people, (identification of tax and
2 description of increase), costing (most up-to-date ten-year cost
3 projection, expressed in dollars and rounded to the nearest million)
4 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase
5 should be ..."
6   (4) Voters shall be given the option to choose "Repealed" or
7 "Maintained."
8   (5) After the short description is completed, the attorney general
9 must transmit it to the secretary of state for filing.
10   (6) If the majority of voters select "Repealed" in a tax increase
11 consent vote under this section, the tax increase may not be
12 implemented or enforced by the state."
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14   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
15 internal references accordingly.
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17   On page 3, line 4, after ";" insert "and"
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19   On page 3, line 5, after "((÷" insert "))."
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21   On page 3, at the beginning of line 6, strike "(11)" and insert
22 "(11) (("
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24   On page 3, line 20, after "address))" insert "The requirements in
25 this section do not apply to tax increase consent votes. Instead, two
26 pages in the voters' pamphlet shall be provided to each tax increase
27 consent vote, which must include:
28   (a) The short description of the tax increase consent vote;
29   (b) The tax increase's most up-to-date ten-year cost projection,
30 including a year-by-year breakdown, by the office of financial
31 management under RCW 43.135.031; and
32   (c) The names of legislators and how they voted on the tax
33 increase upon final passage, along with the legislators' office email
34 address and phone number, and party affiliation"

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2   On page 3, line 35, after "~~people.~~))" insert "<u>This section does</u>
3 <u>not apply to tax increase consent votes.</u>"

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5   On page 4, line 11, after "~~.~~")) insert "<u>Tax increase consent votes</u>
6 <u>shall also receive a serial number of a separate series under this</u>
7 <u>section.</u>"

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9   On page 4, beginning on line 20, after "measures" strike all
10 material through "~~people~~))" on line 21 and insert "and serial numbers
11 and short descriptions of ((~~measures submitted for an advisory vote of~~
12 ~~the people~~)) <u>tax increase consent votes</u>"

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14   On page 4, beginning on line 29, after "measures" strike all
15 material through "~~people~~))" on line 30 and insert "and measures for
16 ((~~an advisory vote of the people~~)) <u>a tax increase consent vote</u>"

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18   On page 5, beginning on line 3, after "~~votes~~" strike all material
19 through "~~(7)~~))" on line 4 and insert "))<u> tax increase consent votes</u>;
20   (7)"

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22   On page 5, line 14, after "**PART**" strike "**III**" and insert "**II"**

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24   On page 5, line 22, after "29A.32.070" insert "<u>, and each tax</u>
25 <u>increase consent vote</u>"

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27   Correct the title.

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    <u>EFFECT:</u> Replaces the repealed advisory votes with "Tax
Increase Consent Votes" on legislative action that raises taxes, to
appear on the ballot each year. Provides that the state may not
implement or enforce any tax increase if a majority of voters
select "Repealed" in a Tax Increase Consent Vote. Removes the
intent section.
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