

Senate Bill 1180

Sponsored by Senator TAYLOR

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the SOS to give the legislature a list of each IM petition that may be on the next general election ballot. The Act provides for a process for the legislature to hold public hearings on those petitions. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.7).

Requires the Secretary of State to submit to the Legislative Assembly, by November 1 of each odd-numbered year, a list of each prospective statewide initiative petition that has been filed for the next general election. Requires the submission to include the text, ballot title and total number of signatures gathered for each prospective petition. Requires the secretary to provide updates during the first week of December, January and February.

Permits legislative leadership to request impartial analyses and summaries by nonpartisan legislative staff for each prospective petition provided by the secretary. Requires nonpartisan legislative staff to provide legislative leadership with impartial analyses of the policy, fiscal and revenue impacts and legality for each prospective petition as requested by legislative leadership.

Requires legislative leadership to use the analyses from nonpartisan staff to determine whether the state would benefit from holding public hearings on one or more prospective petitions during the even-year session.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to ballot measures.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 250.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section;**

6 (a) **"Legislative leadership" means the President and majority and minority leaders of the**
7 **Senate and Speaker and majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives.**

8 (b) **"Prospective petition" means a petition for a state measure to be initiated that, if**
9 **sufficient signatures are collected, would be approved or rejected by the people at the next**
10 **general election.**

11 (2) **Not later than November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall**
12 **submit to the Legislative Assembly:**

13 (a) **A list of each prospective petition; and**

14 (b) **For each prospective petition, the text, ballot title and total number of signatures the**
15 **chief petitioner, or agent on behalf of the chief petitioner, has filed with the Secretary of**
16 **State as of the submission date.**

17 (3) **The Secretary of State shall provide the Legislative Assembly with updates of the in-**
18 **formation submitted under subsection (2) of this section during the first week of the De-**
19 **cember, January and February that immediately follow a submission made under subsection**
20 **(2) of this section.**

21 (4) **For each prospective petition submitted to the Legislative Assembly under subsection**
22 **(2) or (3) of this section, legislative leadership may request the following:**

23 (a) **The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide an impartial summary that**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **describes the policy impacts if the prospective petition is enacted into law;**

2 **(b) The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall conduct an impartial analysis of the fiscal impact**
3 **to the state if the prospective petition is enacted into law;**

4 **(c) The Legislative Revenue Officer shall conduct an impartial analysis of the revenue**
5 **impact to the state if the prospective petition is enacted into law; and**

6 **(d) The Legislative Counsel shall conduct an impartial analysis to determine if any con-**
7 **stitutional or other legal concerns would be raised if the prospective petition is enacted into**
8 **law.**

9 **(5) Legislative leadership shall use the analyses provided under subsection (4) of this**
10 **section to determine whether the state would benefit from holding public hearings on one**
11 **or more of the prospective petitions submitted under subsection (2) or (3) of this section**
12 **during the even-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly following the**
13 **submission of the prospective petitions.**

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