
SENATE BILL 5419

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By Senators Becker, Swecker, Delvin, Benton, Stevens, Holmquist
Newbry, Honeyford, King, Sheldon, and Roach

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Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing mandatory notice and waiting periods
2 before legislative action; and adding a new section to chapter 44.04
3 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) An omnibus operating, capital, or transportation appropriations
8 bill and any tax or fee bill, and any proposed substitute, striking
9 amendment, or conference committee report thereon, must be made
10 publicly available to the members of the legislature and the public at
11 least twenty-four hours before such a bill is eligible for a public
12 hearing, is eligible for legislative action, or is eligible to be voted
13 on by the senate or the house of representatives.

14 (2) A bill identified in subsection (1) of this section is not
15 eligible for legislative action on the floor of either the senate or
16 house of representatives until twenty-four hours after it has been
17 placed on the floor calendar.

18 (3) A bill identified in subsection (1) of this section is not
19 eligible for final passage in either house of the legislature unless

1 copies of the bill, in the form to be passed, have been made available
2 to the members of that house of the legislature and the public for at
3 least twenty-four hours.

4 (4) This section may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the
5 members elected to the house of the legislature in which it is pending,
6 and every individual consideration of a bill or action suspending this
7 section must be recorded in the journal of the respective house of the
8 legislature.

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