

State of Washington  
& Benton County

# Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2015 General Election

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**IN CELEBRATION**

50 years of the Voting Rights Act

## Message from Secretary of State Kim Wyman

I'm pleased to present you the 2015 General Election Voters' Pamphlet.

This important election features local races and measures that will have a significant impact on you and our local communities. Voters will determine the outcome of local measures and elect officials to serve on city councils, school boards, fire, and port commissions.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, the landmark federal law that prohibits racial discrimination in voting in America. On the back cover, you'll see the winning artwork from this year's Kids' Art Contest. The theme, "Every Vote is Equal," celebrated 50 years of this key legislation.

The Voters' Pamphlet cover features the naturalization ceremony in Seattle on July 4. I was honored to again take part in this special event and watch as hundreds of people from over 80 nations proudly became American citizens. I was inspired to see many of these new citizens register to vote so they can have their voices heard and exercise this fundamental freedom cherished by so many of us.

If you are not a registered voter and want to vote in this fall's election, you have until October 26 to register at your county elections office.

You can have your voice heard and make a difference by voting in this fall's election. I encourage you to take a moment to read through the Voters' Pamphlet and other helpful information and then fill out your ballot and return it by November 3. Make an impact on your community and our state by voting this fall!



Kim Wyman  
Secretary of State

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### About the cover

The photo on the cover was taken by Secretary of State Kim Wyman at a July 4 naturalization ceremony in Seattle, in which Secretary Wyman participated. Hundreds of people from more than 80 nations became U.S. citizens and later registered to vote that day. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the federal Voting Rights Act that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. We're celebrating this major achievement in equality and the voice it gives all citizens.

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## VOTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

### Qualifications

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington State, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

### Register to vote & update your address

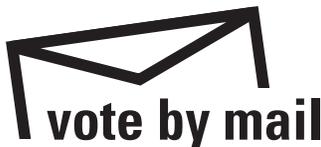
The deadline to update your voting address has passed. Contact your *former* county elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

**New voters** may register in person until October 26 at your county elections department.

**Military voters** are exempt from voter registration deadlines.

## CAST YOUR BALLOT

- 1** Your ballot will be mailed to the address you provide in your voter registration.



- 2** Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope...



- 3** ... then return it by mail or to an official ballot drop box by **8 p.m.** on November 3.



### Where is my ballot?

Your ballot will arrive by October 20.

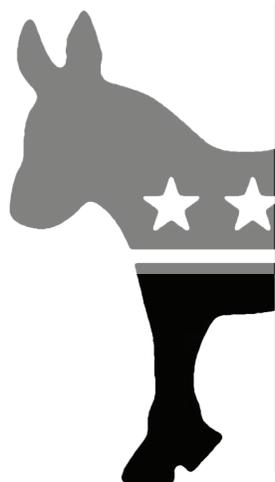
If you need a replacement ballot, contact your county elections department listed at the end of this pamphlet.

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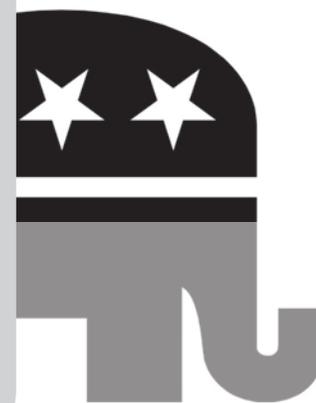


### Washington will conduct a Presidential Primary

Every Washington State voter will be mailed a Presidential Primary ballot.

Make sure your Washington State voter registration address is up-to-date.

Your ballot will list both Democratic and Republican party candidates; you may vote in only one party's primary.



### 2016 Presidential Primary Timeline

**April 25** – Deadline to update your voter registration information, register by mail or online before the Presidential Primary.

**May 6** – All Washington State voters will be mailed a Presidential Primary ballot. Check to ensure your mailing address is current at [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) or by calling (800) 448-4881.

**May 16** – Last day to register to vote in the Presidential Primary. Applicants must appear in person at their county elections department.

**May 24** – Washington State's Presidential Primary. Ballots must be returned to an official drop box by 8 p.m. or postmarked no later than May 24.



For information on party caucuses, please contact your party.

#### Political parties

##### Washington State Democrats

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## Accessible pamphlets

Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).



### No Internet access?

To receive a copy on CD or USB drive, call **(800) 448-4881**.

## Language assistance

### Se habla español

Todos los votantes del estado de Washington tienen acceso al folleto electoral y a los formularios de inscripción en español por internet en [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

Adicionalmente, los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams recibirán su boleta y folleto electoral de forma bilingüe antes de cada elección.

Si usted o alguien que conoce necesitan asistencia en español llame al **(800) 448-4881**.

### 中國口語

所有華盛頓州的選民都可在網站 [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) 查看中文選民手冊和選民登記表格。

此外，金郡選民也可登記在每次選舉前自動獲取中文選票和選民手冊。

如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電 **(800) 448-4881**。

### Việt Nam được nói

Tất cả cử tri ở Tiểu Bang Washington có thể truy cập sách dành cho cử tri và đơn ghi danh cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trực tuyến tại [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

Ngoài ra, cử tri ở Quận King có thể đăng ký để tự động nhận lá phiếu và sách dành cho cử tri bằng tiếng Việt trước mỗi cuộc bầu cử.

Nếu quý vị hoặc người nào quý vị biết cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, xin vui lòng gọi **(800) 448-4881**.

*The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.*

## THE BALLOT MEASURE PROCESS

### The Initiative

Any voter may propose an initiative to create a new state law or change an existing law.

**Initiatives to the People** are proposed laws submitted directly to voters.

**Initiatives to the Legislature** are proposed laws submitted to the Legislature.

### The Referendum

Any voter may demand that a law proposed by the Legislature be referred to voters before taking effect.

**Referendum Bills** are proposed laws the Legislature has referred to voters.

**Referendum Measures** are laws recently passed by the Legislature that voters have demanded be referred to the ballot.

## LAWS BY THE PEOPLE

Before an **Initiative to the People** or an **Initiative to the Legislature** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



**246,372**

**VOTERS'  
SIGNATURES**

8% of all votes in the last  
Governor's race

Before a **Referendum Measure** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



**123,186**

**VOTERS'  
SIGNATURES**

4% of all votes in the last  
Governor's race

**Initiatives & Referenda  
BECOME LAW**  
with a simple  
**MAJORITY VOTE**

Initiative Measure No.

# 1366

## concerns state taxes and fees.

This measure would decrease the sales tax rate unless the legislature refers to voters a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes, and legislative approval for fee increases.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as it Presently Exists

Washington law charges a sales tax on most retail sales made in the state. Generally, a retail sale is the sale of goods or services, but there are certain exceptions defined by law. There are also certain goods and services that are exempt from the retail sales tax, such as most groceries, over the counter and prescription drugs, and newspapers. The state retail sales tax is currently 6.5% of the selling price on each retail sale. This rate does not include local sales taxes that may also be charged by cities, counties, and other taxing jurisdictions.

Another state law provides that most fees charged by the government are allowed only if they are approved by more than half of the members of each house of the legislature.

The Washington State Constitution states that no bill may become law unless it receives a yes vote by more than half of the members of each house of the legislature. The Washington State Supreme Court has explained that this voting requirement cannot be

changed by a regular law. This means that neither the legislature, nor the people through the initiative process, can pass a law that requires more votes in order for certain types of bills to pass. The only way to increase the number of votes needed for a bill to become a law is to amend the constitution.

The constitution can only be amended if two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature vote to propose the amendment. The amendment must then be approved by a majority of the voters at the next general election.

### The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved

This measure would cut the state retail sales tax from 6.5% to 5.5% on April 15, 2016, unless the legislature first proposes a specific amendment to the state constitution. The proposed amendment must require that for any tax increase, either the voters approve the increase or two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature approve the increase. It must also require the legislature to set the amount of any fee increases.

If the legislature proposes the constitutional amendment before April 15, 2016, then the state retail sales tax would stay at 6.5%.

If the legislature does not propose the constitutional amendment and the state retail sales tax is reduced to 5.5%, that would cut the amount of taxes that individuals and businesses pay for goods and services. It would also lower the State's revenue for government services.

The measure would also define "raises taxes" and "majority legislative approval for fee increases" as those phrases are used in state law.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### Summary

If the Legislature does not refer a constitutional amendment to voters for consideration at the November 2016 general election, over the next six fiscal years, sales tax revenue for the state General Fund would decrease \$8 billion. Sales tax revenue for the state Performance Audit Account would decrease \$12.8 million. State business and occupation (B&O) tax revenue would increase \$39.9 million. Local tax revenue would increase \$226.1 million. State expenditures would be \$598,000. If an amendment is referred to voters, fiscal year 2017 state election expenditures would increase \$101,000. There would be an unknown increase in local government election expenditures.

## General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 3, 2015.
- Estimates use the state's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Fiscal year 2016 is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.
- As the phrase is used in Section 3(2) of the initiative, "prior to April 15, 2016, refers to the ballot" means that the Legislature passes the constitutional amendment described in Section 3(2) of the initiative before April 15, 2016, and submits it to the voters for their consideration on the November 2016 general election ballot.

## Analysis

The initiative presents the Legislature with a choice that leads to two possible and mutually exclusive scenarios. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) cannot predict how the Legislature will act. For the purposes of this fiscal impact statement, OFM describes the fiscal impact of each scenario.

### Scenario 1

The Legislature does not refer a constitutional amendment to voters prior to April 15, 2016. On April 15, 2016, the state retail sales tax rate would decrease from 6.5 percent to 5.5 percent.

### State and Local Government Revenue Assumptions

Changes in the state retail sales tax rate could affect the amount of goods consumers purchase, which would affect state and local tax revenue. The Department of Revenue (DOR) prepared the revenue estimates assuming a price elasticity of 0.99. Price elasticity is a method used to calculate the change in consumption of a good when price increases or decreases.

### State Revenue

Reducing the state retail sales tax from 6.5 percent to 5.5 percent would decrease revenues deposited in two funds: the state General Fund and the state Performance Audit Account.

Table 1 provides estimates of the retail sales tax reductions over the next six fiscal years to the state General Fund. State revenues deposited in the state General Fund may be used for any government purpose such as education; social, health and environmental services; and other general government activities.

(See Table 1 on page 11.)

Table 2 provides estimates of the retail sales tax reductions over the next six fiscal years to the state Per-

formance Audit Account. State revenues deposited in the state Performance Audit Account are used by the Washington State Auditor to conduct comprehensive performance audits required under RCW 43.09.470.

(See Table 2 on page 11.)

Table 3 provides estimates of the increases in state B&O taxes deposited in the state General Fund over the next six fiscal years. The state B&O tax is a gross receipts tax. It is measured on the value of products, gross proceeds of sales or gross income of the business. Due to price elasticity, state B&O tax revenue could increase with the change in the state retail sales tax rate.

(See Table 3 on page 11.)

### Local Government Revenue

Due to price elasticity, local B&O tax revenue and local retail sales tax revenue could increase with the change in the state retail sales tax rate. Table 4 provides estimates of the increased local revenues collected over the next six fiscal years.

(See Table 4 on page 11.)

### State Expenditure Assumptions

- The effective date of the retail sales tax decrease is April 15, 2016.

### State Expenditures

To implement a reduced retail sales tax rate that takes effect on April 15, 2016, DOR expenditures would increase an estimated \$598,000 over the first six fiscal years. Table 5 provides cost estimates by fiscal year, rounded to the nearest thousand.

(See Table 5 on page 11.)

The timing of the rate change and the number of businesses affected by the rate change contribute to DOR's costs. A change in the state retail sales tax rate would affect about 200,000 businesses that file monthly, quarterly or annual tax returns. These businesses collect retail sales tax from customers and then pass the sales tax revenue to the state when filing a return.

A rate change that occurs on April 15, 2016, would be reflected on tax returns due May 25, 2016. These tax returns should reflect a sales tax rate of 6.5 percent for transactions that occur April 1 to April 14, 2016. Transactions that occur April 15, 2016, or later should reflect a sales tax rate of 5.5 percent. Based on experience, returns filed immediately after a rate change have more errors than other returns. It is assumed that a high number of tax returns submitted in May 2016 will contain errors. DOR staff must manually process and

resolve each return that is in error, is out-of-balance or amends a previous return.

In addition to increased labor costs for processing a higher number of incorrect returns, DOR would experience other expenditures, as follows.

Fiscal year 2016:

- Programming and testing computer system changes.
- Printing and mailing a special notice to affected taxpayers.
- Updating other notices, publications and web-pages.

Fiscal years 2016 through 2021:

- Preparing additional refunds and assessments.
- Responding to more questions from affected taxpayers submitted through normal processes and a secure DOR system.

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## Scenario 2

The Legislature refers a constitutional amendment to voters prior to April 15, 2016. The constitutional amendment would appear on the November 2016 general election ballot.

### State and Local Government Expenditure Assumptions

- The state would not pay the cost of including a constitutional amendment on the ballot.
- County governments would pay the cost of including a constitutional amendment on the ballot.
- The amendment and other required information would be included in the state Voters' Pamphlet and Online Voters' Guide.

### State Expenditures

The Office of the Secretary of State's expenditures for the 2016 general election Voters' Pamphlet could increase by as much as \$101,000.

Voters' Pamphlet costs are based on the number of pamphlets printed, the number of pages in each regional edition of the pamphlet, layout and composition work, distribution, postage, translating the pamphlet into minority languages as required by federal law and producing the pamphlet in accessible formats for voters with disabilities. The content required by Chapter 29A.32 RCW also contributes to the expense. For constitutional amendments, the Secretary is required to include the text of the amendment, pro and con arguments, the legal identification of the amendment, the official ballot title, an explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General and the total number of votes cast for and against the amendment in the Legislature.

Based on historical Voters' Pamphlet expenses, the estimated cost of the 2016 Voters' Pamphlet is \$12,625

per page. Due to constraints in the printing process and the minimum contents required by state and federal law, the Secretary generally assumes each amendment or measure will use eight pages in the pamphlet. If the amendment described in this initiative uses eight pages, it would add \$101,000 to the total cost of the pamphlet.

### Local Government Expenditures

County governments will experience greater expenditures for the 2016 general election. The cost to county governments cannot be estimated prior to the election.

The 39 counties in Washington incur costs for conducting elections, including printing ballots and ballot materials, distributing blank ballots, and canvassing and tabulating voted ballots. A jurisdiction with candidates or measures on the ballot reimburses counties for its prorated share of election costs. However, as provided for in RCW 29A.04.420, the state reimburses counties only for its share of election costs when federal and state races or state measures and constitutional amendments appear on the ballot in an odd-numbered year.

**Table 1 Reductions in state retail sales tax revenue deposited in the state General Fund**

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
(\$163,804,000)	(\$1,432,025,000)	(\$1,504,173,000)	(\$1,571,928,000)	(\$1,653,576,000)	(\$1,686,820,000)

**Table 2 Reductions in state retail sales tax revenue deposited in the state Performance Audit Account**

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
(\$263,000)	(\$2,295,000)	(\$2,411,000)	(\$2,519,000)	(\$2,650,000)	(\$2,703,000)

**Table 3 Increases in state B&O tax revenue deposited in the state General Fund**

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$818,000	\$7,149,000	\$7,509,000	\$7,847,000	\$8,255,000	\$8,421,000

**Table 4 Increases in local B&O tax and local sales tax revenue**

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$4,623,000	\$40,414,000	\$42,451,000	\$44,363,000	\$46,667,000	\$47,605,000

**Table 5 DOR implementation costs**

FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
\$315,000	\$167,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

## Election results mobile app

**Free! Available for iPhone and Android.**

Search for **"WA State Election Results"** in the app store on iTunes or Google Play Store.

Results are announced after 8 p.m. on Election Day and are updated frequently.

*Results are not final or official until certified.*



## Argument For Initiative Measure No. 1366

### Five Times the Voters Have Approved Initiatives Requiring Either a Two-Thirds Vote of the Legislature...

...or majority vote of the people to raise taxes. Five times. In 2012, 64% of voters approved it. Voters clearly want tax increases to be *an absolute last resort*.

Nonetheless, Olympia won't listen to the people unless we pass I-1366. Recent history shows why.

### For the Two Years Following Voter's Approval in 2007, I-960 Worked Exactly as Voters Intended

With I-960, tax increases *were* a last resort and Olympia balanced its budgets without raising taxes. In 2010, they suspended I-960 and increased taxes *a whopping \$6.7 billion*, a huge betrayal of the public trust. KING 5's poll: 68% thought it was the wrong thing to do. This year's Legislature, without the two-thirds requirement in effect, increased taxes *a jaw-dropping \$17.5 billion*. Passing I-1366 sends a clear message: we need protection from Olympia's insatiable tax appetite.

### We Need Certainty in Tough Economic Times

We need an economic climate where families feel confident, employers expand, and job growth is positive. I-1366's protections provide a stable future, giving families and employers the certainty they need to prosper.

### Olympia Faces Another Big Deficit Because Unsustainable Spending has Once Again Outstripped Revenue

We simply can't afford to have it all. When voters pass I-1366, Olympia will be prodded to reform government, prioritize spending and re-evaluate existing programs. If voters reject I-1366, Olympia will resort to job-killing, family-budget-busting tax increases. Hold Olympia accountable for your tax dollars – vote yes.

### Rebuttal of Argument Against

Politicians raised taxes *a jaw-dropping \$17.5 billion* this year. They simply can't control themselves. I-1366 is the Taxpayer Protection Act – its intent is protecting taxpayers from Olympia's insatiable tax appetite, either by reducing their crushing tax burden or letting the people vote on a tougher-to-raise-taxes constitutional amendment. The initiative prods the Legislature to confront the critical issue of overtaxation. Olympia will continue to ignore the people unless voters pass I-1366. Vote yes.

### Argument Prepared by

**Erma Turner**, retired hairdresser, businesswoman, our favorite supporter, Cle Elum; **Darryl Ehlers**, farmer, husband, father, poet, gathered 1255 signatures, Lynden; **Jack Fagan**, retired policeman, retired navy, grandfather, bowler, fisherman, hunter; **Jerry Klingele**, retired small business owner, active in community, Yakima; **Brad Carlson**, family small business owner, Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver; **Suzie Burke**, businesswoman, Fremont's biggest small business advocate, Seattle

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## Argument Against Initiative Measure No. 1366

Tim Eyman's I-1366 forces lawmakers to either change our Constitution—allowing a handful of ideological legislators to dictate the agenda for *all* of our State— or face \$8 billion in unnecessary cuts to essential services over six years. It's a false choice that takes Washington backward.

### A Roadblock to Reform

Washington has the most regressive tax system in the nation, unfairly harming middle and lower income households, startups, and small businesses. Under 1366, as few as 17 ideological legislators from either party, out of 147 total, can block reforms that could make state government work better for us all.

### Steep Cuts We Cannot Afford

By holding lawmakers — and taxpayers — hostage to a constitutional change, 1366 would force deep, unnecessary cuts to K-12 schools, higher education, public safety, and healthcare. Our kids would lose from rolling back bipartisan gains in school funding with increased class sizes, out-of-date textbooks and technology, and fewer good teachers.

### Constitutionally Flawed

I-1366 is so flawed it will likely be found unconstitutional, wasting millions in legal fees that could be better spent on law enforcement, healthcare, and other basics. Let's reject the politics of hostage taking, and protect our Constitutional tradition of passing legislation by majority vote, by saying *no* to 1366.

### Bipartisan Leaders and Organizations Agree: Vote No!

Washington State Democrats; retired Republican Secretaries of State Sam Reed, Ralph Munro; WA Education Association; WA State Labor Council; League of Education Voters; WA Council of Fire Fighters; WA Conservation Voters; NAMI of WA; League of Women Voters.

### Rebuttal of Argument For

The Tri-City Herald sums up 1366: "The initiative is an extortion measure wrought with problems. If approved, it would devastate the state budget unless the Legislature bows to the will of Eyman and his backers." Unless lawmakers change our state Constitution, 1366 would cut \$8 billion over six years, destroying bipartisan investments in K-12 schools and higher education. Businesses oppose 1366 because it would worsen our business climate and damage our economy. Vote No.

### Argument Prepared by

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Initiative Measure No.

# 1401

## concerns trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction.

This measure would make selling, purchasing, trading, or distributing certain animal species threatened with extinction, and products containing such species, a gross misdemeanor or class-C felony, with exemptions for certain types of transfers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

### The Law as it Presently Exists

An international treaty called the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species" identifies many species of animals and plants that are at risk of extinction worldwide. Among the species this treaty addresses are species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin (also called a spiny anteater), marine turtle, shark, and ray. The United States agreed to this treaty in the 1970s. Federal law makes it illegal to sell, import, or trade in endangered species listed by the treaty, or in parts or products made from animals that are listed as endangered (with some exceptions). Washington state law does *not* prohibit the purchase, sale, trade, or distribution of parts or products made from endangered species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray.

### The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved

If adopted, this measure would prohibit any person in Washington from selling, buying, trading, or distributing

parts of certain endangered animal species, or products containing or made from those animals. Specifically, the measure would apply to parts or products made from elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays. But it would apply only to species of those animals that are listed in either Appendix I or II of the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna," or listed as critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable in the lists of endangered species compiled by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which is an international conservation organization.

The measure also includes five exceptions when it would not apply. These exceptions include: (1) sale or trade of antique items if the endangered animal makes up less than 15% of the item; (2) animal parts or products distributed for educational, scientific, or museum purposes; (3) when items are distributed under a will, estate, or trust after death of the owner; (4) musical instruments if the endangered animal part makes up less than 15% of the instrument; and (5) where trade in the item is allowed by federal permit or law.

A violation of the law could be a state crime. The violations would be either a gross misdemeanor or a class-C felony, depending on the market value of the illegal animal parts or products. If a person is convicted for violating the measure, the person would also be ordered to pay a criminal wildlife penalty of 2,000 or 4,000 dollars. The measure would also modify the power of state law enforcement officers to include authority to seize and dispose of illegal parts and products from the endangered species that are covered by the measure.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

### Summary

Initiative 1401 (I-1401) makes it a crime to sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute any covered animal species part or product. Covered animal species are any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark or ray. I-1401 would have an unknown impact on state revenues. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife would experience increased expenditures if additional law enforcement officers were hired. Other state and local judicial expenditures are estimated to be less than \$50,000 per year. Local governments would experience an unknown increase in incarceration expenditures.

## General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 3, 2015.
- Unless otherwise noted, estimates use the state's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Fiscal year 2016 is July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

## State Revenues

Section 3 of the initiative creates two new crimes and two new fines. A person convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the second degree, a gross misdemeanor, would pay a \$2,000 criminal wildlife fine. A person convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree, a class C felony, would pay a \$4,000 criminal wildlife fine. Revenue from these fines would be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account. There are no data available to estimate the number of convictions that may occur. Therefore, state revenue from these new fines cannot be estimated.

## State Expenditures

The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) does not currently perform enforcement activities related to the animal species covered by I-1401. While the initiative does not require WDFW to hire more law enforcement officers, the agency would likely seek new funding from the Legislature for additional officers or detectives. For example, a request for a dedicated enforcement effort that includes five officers and one detective would cost \$815,000 per fiscal year.

Current fish and wildlife enforcement activities are funded primarily through the state Wildlife Account and the state General Fund. Some of these activities are funded through the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account. New enforcement activities could be funded through any or all these sources.

The state Wildlife Account is used for protection of state fish and wildlife, administrative and certain operating expenses of WDFW, certain administrative costs for the Department of Licensing and enforcement of state game laws. The state General Fund may be used for any government purpose such as education; social, health and environmental services; and other general government activities. The Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Reward Account is used only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, rewards for reporting fish and wildlife crimes, and hunter education programs.

## Local Government Expenditures

District and municipal courts (counties and cities) may experience increased costs for hearing additional gross

misdemeanor cases. Superior courts (counties) may experience similar increased costs for hearing additional felony cases. The Administrative Office of the Courts estimates the fiscal impact of these cases to be less than \$50,000 per fiscal year if there are fewer than 400 additional gross misdemeanor cases statewide each year and fewer than 65 additional felony cases statewide each year.

A person convicted of a gross misdemeanor or unranked class C felony and sentenced to serve time in jail would serve the time in a county or city jail. Based on data from the Washington State Caseload Forecast Council, the average length of incarceration for conviction of an unranked class C felony is 86 days. The average cost of incarceration at a county or city jail is \$88 a day. Based on these data, a county would experience annual expenditures of \$7,568 for each person convicted of a class C felony. Similar data are not available to estimate the cost of jail time for each conviction of a gross misdemeanor. There are no data available to estimate the number of felony or misdemeanor convictions that would occur statewide in a year or how many convictions would result in jail time. Therefore, the total annual incarceration costs to local governments cannot be estimated.

## Argument For Initiative Measure No. 1401

Initiative 1401 will help save endangered wild elephants, rhinos, lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks and rays— all at risk of disappearing from Earth forever.

### Stop Wildlife Trafficking

The scale of the poaching crisis is immense. In one recent case, poachers poisoned a watering hole with cyanide, killing 300 elephants at once. Every fifteen minutes, on average, poachers kill another elephant for black-market ivory – sometimes even sawing off the animal’s tusks while it’s still alive. By penalizing those who traffic in these and other illegal animal products, I-1401 will help put an end to such cruelty and save these iconic animals from extinction.

### We Can Make a Difference

The United States is the world’s second-largest market for products from endangered species, and the Ports of Seattle/Tacoma are major entry points. Since 2010, there have been more than 50 seizures of elephant products entering Washington State alone. I-1401 will give state authorities new tools to choke off this illegal trade before these endangered animals are driven to extinction.

### Conservation Experts Support 1401

I-1401, written in close consultation with leading wildlife scientists and law enforcement experts, is supported by many respected organizations including the Humane Society of the United States, Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

By voting yes on I-1401, we can do our part to help save endangered animals from extinction.

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### Rebuttal of Argument Against

Over the past decade, the involvement of organized criminals targeting endangered wildlife has grown faster than we thought possible. Its presence is felt in many markets, including the U.S. We are literally driving species to extinction – from rhinos to rays – and decisive leadership at the state level is needed to stop this trend. 1401 closes loopholes and provides law enforcement with critical tools to combat the illegal trade. *Mary Rice, Executive Director, Environmental Investigation Agency*

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## Argument Against Initiative Measure No. 1401

### Endangered Species Are Already Protected

We all love elephants. This initiative doesn’t protect them. Proponents provide no evidence this ban will stop trafficking or poaching in other countries. Poaching and trafficking in poached ivory is already a felony under International and Federal laws and has been for decades. Poaching has increased because of demand in Asian markets not because of the purchase and sale of ivory from before the ban on importation into the United States. This initiative targets legally purchased, legally crafted, legally owned ivory. It targets antiques.

### The “Antique Exemption” is a sham

In section 3(2)(a) of the initiative an antique is exempt only if it is more than 100 years old, is less than 15% ivory and you have all the paperwork to prove it. If this passes you could be charged with a felony and fined \$14,000 for selling your grandmother’s elephant ivory necklace for \$250. Chess sets, jewelry, figurines, poker chips, buttons and beads, anything more than 15% ivory would become worthless. All your investment would be gone

### This Initiative Takes Away Ordinary People’s Property

If you legally “own” something but cannot sell it or give it away do you have anything left of value? All this initiative would let you do is donate it to a museum or pass it through a will to heirs who couldn’t sell it or give it away either. Most people who have family heirlooms or collections are not billionaires. Property owned legally should continue to be legal.

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### Rebuttal of Argument For

This initiative does in fact target antiques. Proponents admit current law is working and seizures of illegally poached ivory are already happening at our ports. What is different about this proposal is it will criminalize dealing in legal antique ivory. The US holds the world’s second largest reserve of decades old vintage ivory. Culture changes but cultural history should not be erased. Learn from it, don’t destroy it. What is legally acquired should stay legal.

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## ADVISORY VOTES

### What's an advisory vote?

Advisory votes are non-binding. The results will **not** change the law.

### Repeal or maintain?

You are advising the Legislature to repeal or maintain a tax increase.

**Repeal** - you *don't favor* the tax increase.

**Maintain** - you *favor* the tax increase.

### Want more info?

Call the Legislative Hotline at  
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**[www.vote.wa.gov/completetext](http://www.vote.wa.gov/completetext).**

View additional cost information at  
**[www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot).**



Advisory votes are the result of Initiative 960, approved by voters in 2007.

Advisory Vote No.

# 10

## Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, oil spill response and administration taxes to apply to crude oil or petroleum products transported by railroad, costing \$17,000,000, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

## Ten-Year Cost Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management  
For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449 (ESHB 1449)			
Fiscal Year	Oil Spill Administration Tax	Oil Spill Response Tax	Total
2016	\$ 642,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,317,000
2017	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 1,775,000
2018	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,300,000
2019	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000
2020	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2021	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2022	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2023	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2024	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
2025	\$ 1,780,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,780,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,222,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>\$16,572,000</b>

## Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

**Senate:** Yeas, 46; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 3  
**House:** Yeas, 95; Nays, 1; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Advisory Vote No.

# 11

## Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, the marijuana excise tax on medical marijuana sales, costing an amount that cannot currently be estimated, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed
- Maintained

## Ten-Year Cost Projection

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Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052 (2SSB 5052)
<p>This bill extends the application of the marijuana excise tax to medical marijuana sales. This will result in additional revenue from the marijuana excise tax. However, the amount of additional taxable activity cannot be reasonably estimated. Therefore, the amount of additional marijuana excise tax revenue attributed to this bill is indeterminate.</p>

## Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

**Senate:** Yeas, 41; Nays, 8; Absent, 0; Excused, 0  
**House:** Yeas, 60; Nays, 36; Absent, 0; Excused, 2

Advisory Vote No.

# 12

## Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987

The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, additional taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels costing an estimated \$3,707,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed  
 Maintained

## Ten-Year Cost Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management  
 For more information visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot)

Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 (2ESSB 5987)	
Fiscal Year	Fuel Taxes
2016	\$ 170,405,500
2017	\$ 348,640,400
2018	\$ 392,850,800
2019	\$ 395,375,700
2020	\$ 396,977,500
2021	\$ 399,134,200
2022	\$ 399,920,400
2023	\$ 400,581,200
2024	\$ 401,185,500
2025	\$ 401,708,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,706,779,500</b>

## Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

**Senate:** Yeas, 37; Nays, 7; Absent, 0; Excused, 5  
**House:** Yeas, 54; Nays, 44; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

Advisory Vote No.

# 13

## Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138

The legislature increased business and occupation tax revenues and excluded certain software manufacturers from a retail sales tax exemption, without a vote of the people, costing \$1,449,000,000 for government spending.

This tax increase should be:

- Repealed  
 Maintained

## Ten-Year Cost Projection

Provided by the Office of Financial Management  
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Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138 (ESSB 6138)			
Fiscal Year	Business and Occupation Tax	Retail Sales Tax	Total
2016	\$ 25,908,000	\$ 37,569,000	\$ 63,477,000
2017	\$ 50,902,000	\$ 48,082,000	\$ 98,984,000
2018	\$ 62,437,000	\$ 51,355,000	\$ 113,792,000
2019	\$ 73,398,000	\$ 54,759,000	\$ 128,157,000
2020	\$ 95,416,000	\$ 57,101,000	\$ 152,517,000
2021	\$ 99,478,000	\$ 60,929,000	\$ 160,407,000
2022	\$104,132,000	\$ 65,032,000	\$ 169,164,000
2023	\$108,239,000	\$ 69,435,000	\$ 177,674,000
2024	\$113,401,000	\$ 74,155,000	\$ 187,556,000
2025	\$117,621,000	\$ 79,221,000	\$ 196,842,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$850,932,000</b>	<b>\$597,638,000</b>	<b>\$1,448,570,000</b>

## Final Votes Cast by the Legislature

**Senate:** Yeas, 35; Nays, 10; Absent, 0; Excused, 4  
**House:** Yeas, 60; Nays, 38; Absent, 0; Excused, 0

## Final Votes Cast by Each Legislator

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay



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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 10

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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## District 11

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## District 14

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 16

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 19

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 20

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Excused  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Excused

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Excused  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 21

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Excused  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 22

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 23

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Excused  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Excused

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 25

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 26

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 28

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 31

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 32

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea



## District 33

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 34

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 35

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 36

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 37

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Excused  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Excused

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 38

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 39

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 40

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 41

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
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## District 42

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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

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 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
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 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 44

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Hans Dunshee**

(D, Snohomish), (360) 786-7804  
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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Mark Harmsworth**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

## District 45

**Sen. Andy Hill**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Roger Goodman**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Larry Springer**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 46

**Sen. David Frockt**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Gerry Pollet**

(D, Seattle), (360) 786-7886  
 gerry.pollet@leg.wa.gov  
 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Jessyn Farrell**

(D, Seattle), (360) 786-7818  
 jessyn.farrell@leg.wa.gov  
 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 47

**Sen. Joe Fain**

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 joe.fain@leg.wa.gov  
 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Mark Hargrove**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Nay  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Nay  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Nay

**Rep. Pat Sullivan**

(D, Covington), (360) 786-7858  
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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

## District 48

**Sen. Cyrus Habib**

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 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Ross Hunter**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Joan McBride**

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 ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea  
 2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea  
 2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea  
 ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea



District 49

**Sen. Annette Cleveland**

(D, Vancouver), (360) 786-7696

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ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea

2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea

2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea

ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Sharon Wylie**

(D, Vancouver), (360) 786-7924

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ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea

2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea

2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea

ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

**Rep. Jim Moeller**

(D, Vancouver), (360) 786-7872

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ESHB 1449 (AV10): Yea

2SSB 5052 (AV11): Yea

2ESSB 5987 (AV12): Yea

ESSB 6138 (AV13): Yea

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## Court of Appeals Judge

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals from Superior Courts. A total of 22 judges serve three divisions headquartered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. Each division is further split into three districts. Court of Appeals judges serve six-year terms.

## Superior Court Judge

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**Alexander Carl Ekstrom**  
*(Nonpartisan)*

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submitted

**Unopposed**

No information submitted

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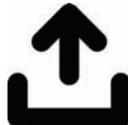
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## Benton County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

November 3, 2015 General Election

### Registration Deadlines:

**Address & Name Changes:** October 5th

**Mail:** October 5th

**Online:** October 5th

**In-Person:** October 26th

### Additional Resources:

**Local Election Information**  
[www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com)

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**State Election Information**  
[www.sos.wa.gov](http://www.sos.wa.gov)

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### Ballot Drop Box Locations:

**Courthouse**  
620 Market St, Prosser

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708 9th St, Benton City

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3801 W Van Giesen St, West Richland

**Auditor's Office Annex**  
5600 W Canal Dr, Kennewick

**Kennewick City Hall**  
210 W 6th Ave, Kennewick

**Auditor's Office Annex**  
101 Wellsian Way Ste E, Richland

**Jefferson Park**  
Symons St, Richland

**Jane Hagarty**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**Don Barnes**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

## Don Campbell



**Professional Experience:** 40 years in Manufacturing / Engineering, Materials Management, Contracts/ Purchasing in the Commercial Nuclear Power Manufacturing and Construction Industry. Born: 1951 Pasco, Washington.

**Education:** Richland Public Schools. Graduated from Columbia High School 1970

**Community Service:** Past Ambassador Transplant House - Seattle, Washington

**Statement:** I have lived in the Tri-Cities most of my life. I have resided in Richland and Kennewick for over 50 years. I am well aware and understand the future challenges facing the Kennewick Hospital District. When elected my primary focus will be towards improving the services, financial viability, and administrative performance of the Kennewick Public Hospital District. I will bring strong team building experience to the Board and will work to address the concerns of the District residents, the hospital staff and the Medical Staff. My past experience in contracts/ purchasing, project management and program implementation gives me the skills necessary to implement policies, approve realistic budgets and provide administrative oversight to assure the continuation of the healthcare services needed by the residents of the Kennewick Public Hospital District. I would be honored to serve the residents of the district.

## Victor V. Johnson



**Elected Experience:** Kennewick Public Hospital District Commissioner (KPHD) 1998 to present. KPHD is dba Trios Health.

**Other Professional Experience:** Managed organizations within General Electric and Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS). Worked as a consultant to engineering firms. Owned and operated hay and cattle operation. Served six years active duty/reserve US Army.

**Education:** BS Chemical Engineering - Washington State University.

Professional Nuclear Engineer - California. General Electric Manufacturing Training Program.

**Community Service:** Participated in Tri Cities planning and development activities. Supported various 4-H activities. Practice being a helpful/considerate neighbor.

**Statement:** Kennewick Public Hospital District Commissioner's responsibility is to jointly with other Commission members provide the vision, guidance, decision making and plan of action for the many elements of a growing health care organization. As a current KPHD Commissioner Victor Johnson has provided responsible leadership, strategic direction, the ability to evaluate solutions in problem domains and direct implementation, plus effective communication on a wide range of District topics. Mr. Johnson has clearly demonstrated that he has the required experience and commitment to perform the duties and responsibilities of a KPHD Commissioner.

## Mike McWhorter



U.S. Air Force, Honorable discharge; 38 years in insurance business, 23 years Certified Insurance Counselor; Original Board Member Community First Bank.

Past Chairman Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce; 23 years service to KGH Foundation - 3 years as President; Community liaison Trios Finance Committee; Board of Community Health; active in his church; original Campaign committee for Tri-City Cancer Center; service to YMCA, ARC, BSA.

Mike was born at KGH, as were his grandchildren. After the Air Force, he and his wife returned home to raise their 3 daughters.

They have always been generous with time, talents and personal financial contributions to the betterment of their beloved community. Kennewick General Hospital (Trios) has been a beneficiary of their generosity for over 20 years, and awarded Mike the "KGH Tribute to Excellence" award in 2011.

Mike's career focus has been healthcare related. He's passionate about applying his knowledge and skills, to work in concert with the administration and all commissioners to meet the challenges and opportunities facing our Trios Health organization.

An extremely energetic, positive, and loyal leader, with a lifelong personal attachment to KGH/Trios, Mike is asking for the chance to help Trios remain a healthy and viable organization.

## Cedro Rodriguez



Born at the Ol' KGH and raised right here in the Tri-Cities, Cedro values the resources we have and looks to bring responsibility and sound principles to the table as a Kennewick Hospital Commissioner.

With 15 years as a small business owner Cedro has learned the value of effective communication, clarity, time management, and responsibility.

Cedro is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served as a Scout Leader, Young Men's Leader, Elders Quorum President, and has organized church functions.

He also is a husband and father of five and has a vested interest in his community.

**Robert Blahut**



**No statement submitted**

**Kit Watson**



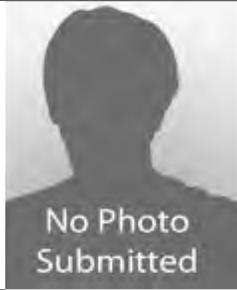
**No statement submitted**

**Sharon Dietrich Potter**



**No statement submitted**

**Unopposed**

**Lloyd R. Carnahan**

**No statement submitted**

**Linda Lehman**

**Elected Experience:** 2013 Benton City Council/Mayor Pro Tem

**Professional Experience:** Scientist employed at Hanford, in nuclear regulation and technical evaluations of waste disposal. President/owner consulting company for 21 years. Owner-rental properties in Benton City.

**Education:** Florida Atlantic University, B.S. Geology; M.S. Hydrogeology, University of South Florida

**Service:** 9 yrs. Board for Benton City Economic Development Council; 2 yrs. Leader Benton City Revitalization Project; Planning Commission 5 years

**Statement:** I will work to encourage and stimulate economic development. The most important thing for our Community is to find ways to revitalize. Benton City is too small to sustain many of our existing businesses alone. Exposure to a broader clientele is needed.

A way to accomplish this is through tourism. Some Red Mountain wineries are attracted to the quaintness of Benton City and see possibilities here to improve the "Red Mountain experience". Forging alliances with Red Mountain for our mutual benefit will be a primary way to encourage wine tourism. We must create a blend of businesses that are both sustainable and attractive to the wine tourists. As Mayor I will work diligently to improve the economic and visual conditions in our town.

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**Charles T. Gray**

**No statement submitted**

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**David Sandretto**

**Other Professional Experience:** Safety Manager, Emergency Dispatcher, Retail, Construction, and I worked on my family's small farm for my grandparents located just north of town.

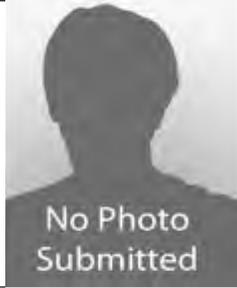
**Education:** Graduate Kiona-Benton High School, Graduate Columbia Basin College, 2014, attending classes at University of Washington.

**Community Service:** Volunteered with the following organizations; local fire district, 20 years, Boy Scouts of America 2 years, and various other short projects within the community.

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**Statement:** I grew up in Benton City and have over 35 years in the community with a wide range of experiences. I have worked in municipal and county government for 33 combined years and in those positions I worked with the public, city administration, county administration, and some budgeting. What I have not experienced, I am willing to learn. I have always lived by a philosophy that I have to live my life with honesty, integrity, and treat people with respect. I want to bring that philosophy to council position 3 for the City of Benton City. I want to hear what you have to say, I want to enhance our community, and I want to do the right thing for you.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Sandrettoforcouncil>

**Vanessa Coates**

No statement submitted

**Joseph Chapin Jr.**

No statement submitted

**City of Benton City | Council Position 5 4-year short and full term**
**Jake Mokler**

I have lived in Benton City for 40 years. I attended Kiona-Benton, graduating and going on to take classes locally at Columbia Basin College. I am well vested in our community with my children going to school here and playing local sports, as well as a longtime volunteer in our town.

I am employed as an EMT, and have served as president of the Firefighter's Association as well as various other positions. I have successfully worked to raise monies for several projects, the last being a scholarship for graduating students in our community.

My vision for our community is one of solidarity and growth. I believe that we need to see businesses open and stay open. As a community, working together promotes both business and growth for our small town, without losing that small town feel.

I believe that the people should have a voice in their town. I encourage the people of Benton City to be heard and voice their opinion. By talking and listening with you the people, I can be that voice. Vote Mokler for City Council position 5.

**Michelle L. Mcleod**

No statement submitted

## Matt Boehnke



2013 Military Officer Association of America (MOAA),  
2014 American Legion Post 4 President.

Retired US Army LTC; CEO Bravocon IT Services, Energy Northwest PM, College Professor, Corps of Engineers Contracting Officer; Lifetime member of the American Legion, MOAA, NRA, VFW, and member of Columbia Basin Badger Club.

Graduate of Kamiakin, Eastern Washington University, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

TriCity Water Follies Air Show Director; Kennewick Arts Commissioner.

Matt feels our highest priorities should be the fiscal health of Kennewick, the future of Vista Field, the Bridge-to-Bridge plan, and future expansion and support of the Southridge area. While serving the Arts Commission, Matt advocated for more open dialogue within the city manager's office. First, listen to citizens' concerns and then develop concrete, detailed plans of action to meet these concerns within current budget limitations.

Kennewick has the foundation to excel in the development of new business. This will create employment opportunities for citizens and increase retail sales, which in turn helps, pay for our city services. By enhancing our partnerships with the school district, the ports, neighboring cities, local agencies and business leaders we will put plans in place for Kennewick's future.

Let Matt work for you!

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**[www.ElectMattBoehnke.us](http://www.ElectMattBoehnke.us).**

## R E (Bob) Olson



Councilman Olson began serving on the City Council in 1988. He has continued to work towards improving local transportation infrastructure, including a push for great regional cooperation on transportation issues. He is a strong supporter of mall, local businesses.

Councilman Olson is currently serving on the Benton Franklin Transit Board, Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG), BFCG Policy Advisory Committee for Solid Waste Management, BFCG Surface Transportation Program, Block Grant Advisory Committee and BFCG Tri-Mats Policy Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Good Roads & Transportation Association, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Budget and Administrative Committee and Interview Committee. Mr. Olson is an alternate on the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Committee (HAEIFC).

## Paul Parish



### Statement:

I want to thank all the voters in the City of Kennewick for allowing me to serve you as a Kennewick City Councilman for the past five terms. I sincerely appreciate being able to serve you and would like your support to allow me to continue working for you as your Councilman for another term. I believe everybody should give back to their community and their country. In addition to serving you on the Kennewick City Council, I am a proud veteran having served our country in the 82nd Airborne Division. I was named Kennewick Man of the Year in 2009 for my many volunteer services to this community. As a small business owner I understand and appreciate the issues facing small businesses every day. My experience serving on the Kennewick City Council has given me the opportunity to establish an extensive record of accomplishments on behalf of the citizens of Kennewick. I am committed to representing the interest of all the people of Kennewick and hope I can count on your support to vote for me in the upcoming election. Please vote Paul Parish for Kennewick City Council.

Thank you.

## Diane Crawford



**Other Professional Experience:** Ordained Minister for the purpose of performing wedding ceremonies. Background in finance to include

Full charge Bookkeeper, Banker, Mortgage Loan Officer. Community Outreach, Marketing and public speaking. Co-Owner of Crawford's Custom Upholstery since 1991. Recently appointed to the Kennewick Historic Preservation Commission by Mayor Young.

**Community Service:** Kennewick Citizen's Academy, Habitat for Humanity (2 homes), Homebuilders Parade of Homes Committee (2 years), Tri-Cities Cancer Centers annual fundraiser (4 years). Co-sponsored 11-11-11 wedding event marrying over 80 couples gratis

**Statement:** To paraphrase Sister Joan Chittister, nothing will change for women as long as we primarily have men running everything. Meaning that all decisions are being made using one eye, one ear and half a brain. Women possess the other half and NEED a voice.

A resident and small business owner since 1991, I have watched our area grow. I would like to see the Bridge to Bridge Project and Vista Field make some real progress soon to encourage job growth and tourism. I believe in term limits. I believe in listening to the voters and their vote.

I want to be the voice for women and children.

**Crawfordforcouncil2015@gmail.com**

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**<https://youtu.be/GU-ShCgm6Xo>**

## Steve Young



No statement submitted

## Unopposed

**Randy Taylor****Unopposed****No statement submitted****City of Prosser | Council Position 3 4-year term****Rob Siemens****Unopposed**

**Professional Experience:** I served in the U.S Navy Seabees as a heavy equipment mechanic, during which time I served in the Vietnam conflict. I worked as a heavy equipment mechanic and later retired as a semi-truck driver. I am a board member of the Prosser Chamber of Commerce, and the transportation representative on PEDA also a representative of the Prosser tourism committee. I serve on the Prosser hotel/motel/tourism tax board, and am past and present drive chairman of UGN. I serve on the Prosser planning commission board and work with a team that organizes and runs the Miss Prosser Royalty Court, and community float.

**Education:** Graduate of Davis High School Yakima and YVC with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

**Community Service:** Organize the Fourth of July Car show, assist in many functions of the HDPA and help with many events through Chamber of Commerce.

**Statement:** Rob has been in the Prosser community for 10 years. The love for Prosser shows in all of that he is involved within the community. He has compassion for the growth and development in Prosser. City Council position gives opportunity to help with the betterment of the community.

**Bob Elder****Unopposed**

I have been a resident of Prosser for over 15 years and loved every minute of it. Serving as Councilman #4 for the last term has been an eye opening experience to say the least. My duties have been on the Solid waste committee, Board member of Jubilee Ministries Fire board and several others. I look forward to serving the residents of Prosser for the next 4 years.

**Mary Ruth Edwards****Unopposed**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I worked in business for 25 years before returning to school to become an elementary school teacher. I have been teaching for 10 years.

**Education:** BS in Business MA in Elementary Education

**Community Service:** I have given public classes on the U.S. Constitution, and various presentations at local community groups around the Tri-Cities.

**Statement:** I have lived in Prosser for 10 years. Having lived in other states and other parts of Washington, there is nothing to compare to this area! Frankly, I can't imagine living anywhere else. Prosser is a vibrant, growing community and I'd like to be a part of it's continued success. More government and more taxes are not the answer. Smarter government, private enterprise and fiscal responsibility are critical to the success of any community.

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**Steven W. Becken**



**Unopposed**

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**No statement submitted**

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**Humberto Rodriguez**



**Unopposed**

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**No statement submitted**

**Brad Anderson****Unopposed****No statement submitted****Phillip R. Lemley****Unopposed****Re-Elect Phillip Lemley to the Richland  
City Council, Position 5****[www.phillemley.com](http://www.phillemley.com)**

Please look at my website above to see who I am and what I do and have done since moving to Richland. You will see I am and have been 100% committed to the City of Richland and it's citizens.

I do not have opposition therefore will be on the General Election ballot in November only. I would appreciate very much your support and vote at that time. I am on my second term and have been a councilmember for six years. I am now the Mayor Pro Tem.

In addition to my many council duties I represent the citizens of Richland and the entire state on the Washington State Council on Aging and Disabilities and the SE Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments 8 County Advisory Board.

Our City is sound, our finances are strong, our future is bright and sustainable. I am proud to be a part of the team of council members, City Manager, Executive/ Department Leadership and employees that keep our city in such good shape. There are always risks to be faced, but this team continues to mitigate those risks daily.

## Donnie Landsman



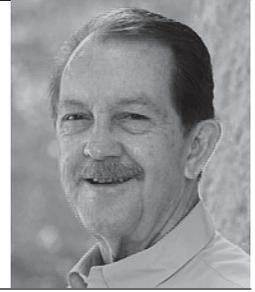
Dear Neighbor,  
I am honored to be a candidate for Richland City Council. I believe that limited government, and respect for personal liberties are key ingredients for Richland's future. I do not agree with any infrastructure program that displace residents and businesses. Instead, the City Council needs to adopt a model to promote growth through community partnerships, and provide a true balance to the desires of the residents. I will work toward policies that create a favorable business climate; focus on priority spending in budget planning; and stand for fiscal accountability, business transparency, and truly listening to the citizens' voices. My years of advocacy of transportation and citizen Right grassroots issues, and a career in business planning and budget accountability, have me prepared to be a strong and effective Statesman for all of Richland. My single priority is to the citizens, as it should be.

In Liberty,  
Donnie Landsman

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**509-578-080**

**Elected Experience:** PCO #6105; Current BCRP  
Executive Officer

## Terry Christensen



Raised in Richland, Terry has life-long personal and professional ties in this community. In addition to his 2011-2015 term on the Richland City Council, Terry has over 35 years of finance and business management experience in commercial and government industries.

Terry's volunteer experience includes 10 years on the Parks and Recreation Commission, over 20 years on the Tri-City Girls Fast Pitch Softball Association Board, the City of Richland Tourism Committee, the Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau Sports Council, and the Richland High School Bomber Boosters.

Terry believes Council members should reflect the voice of the community they serve; consistently seeking public input on relevant business-related items. His current duties include serving on the BFT Board of Directors, the Benton County 2060 Affordable Housing Steering Committee, the Richland Code Enforcement Board, the Port of Benton, the Energy Communities Alliance, and alternate liaison to the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Port of Kennewick, Business License Reserve Committee, Economic Development Committee and the Richland Seniors Association.

Terry cares about the quality of life in Richland and will continue to work hard to represent the residents and business leaders in this community.

**If you'd like more information about Terry, please visit his website [www.christensenforrichland.com](http://www.christensenforrichland.com)**

## Dori Luzzo Gilmour



**Professional Experience:** Stay-at-home mom of three and Sunday school co-coordinator Christ the King. Tasting room manager and assistant to winemaker at Terra Blanca and wine buyer for Yokes. Professional announcer and radio broadcasting teacher at Tri-Tech.

**Education:** BS WSU-TC 2004 Enology/Viticulture (wine science), teaching certificate CWU, AAS Broadcasting Spokane Falls, Richland High 1992

**Community Service:** Richland Arts Commission 4 years, pool board 2 years, Sunday school 4 years, Sausage Fest 5 years, CK school 1 year, Enological Society 3 years, school advisory radio broadcasting 2 years.

I want my children to grow up in a place that promotes a holistic business, art and open space to enhance quality of life. I am a Richland native. I have seen the city change and expand over 30 years and I want to see it continue to thrive.

As your city council person I would focus my energy and attention on improving Richland's downtown corridor, work with landowners to improve undeveloped properties and realize planned art and parks for all residents.

By utilizing my education and experience I can facilitate a vision to capitalize on WSU's new state of the art Wine Science Center. My plans: Promote new restaurants, hospitality and tourism.

## Gregory L. Jones



**Elected Experience:** Richland Council Person Elected 2013; 2012 Vice-Chairman/Commissioner Richland Parks and Recreation.

**Other Professional Experience:** 39 years engineering experience in government and private industry; American National Standards Institute Subcommittee on Standards Development.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Engineering Oregon State University, 1976.

**Community Service:** Richland Council Person serving Richland for last two year and Parks and Recreation Vice Chair.

**Statement:** Greg Jones has supported the public as Richland Council Person for since 2013 and fully endorses and supports the City of Richland Vision 2030 for a strong and diverse economy; enhancing the quality of life for residents; providing ample parks and cultural amenities, and ensuring a healthy environment for everyone.

Greg Jones on the record has voted against the Rachael Road Extension across Amon Basin and will continue to seek alternate routes; voted against pond waste water methods in North Richland; Supports continued emphasis on the Duportail Bridge and Queensgate intersection issues. He will continue to support parks and recreation opportunities meeting the needs of our growing community.

Greg Jones has and will continue to listen to residents about what *they* want for *their* city.

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## Byron Martin



**Elected Experience:** Current West Richland City Councilmember

**Other Professional Experience:** Small Business owner of a successful technology company

**Education:** Graduate of Sunnyside High and Brigham Young University

**Community Service:** 5 years West Richland Economic Development Board, 2 years as the board chair, West Richland Planning Commission before appointment to Council Eagle Scout and Boy Scout leader Initiated the Wiley Elementary Jog-a-thon PTA fundraiser event

**Statement:** My wife and I have been raising our 5 children in West Richland for the past 10 years. We love the great neighborhoods and safe community feeling.

As the city continues to experience rapid growth, responsible spending becomes more essential. I'm also passionate about preserving those things that make our city such a great place to live. This can be accomplished through smart planning with our roads, parks, schools, new construction, public safety and economic development.

During my tenure as city councilman I've talked with many of you and listened closely to you. It's important to me that City Council represent the will of its citizens and that city information is easily accessible to everyone.

**To find out more information about me, please visit <http://www.VoteByronMartin.com>**

## John E. Smart



**Elected Experience:**

**Other Professional Experience:** Senior Research Engineering Specialist with over 15 years of project management experience.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from WSU

**Community Service:** I am serving my 8th year as Activity Director and Unit Leader for the American Heritage Girls Troop WA3130 scouting organization. I have been a participant in the Veterans Day Parade; past helper with the Walk for Life; and earned my Eagle Scout Award in 1980.

As a member of the City Council I will be responsive to the citizens of West Richland. I will promote open communication, full disclosure of reasoning, and will encourage the council to listen carefully to the opinions and expressions of our residents. West Richland belongs to its residents. I will hold the interests of our residents over outside special interests. Having built and lived in a West Richland home for 20 years, my wife, three children, and I truly appreciate the peaceful quality of life that our city has to offer. Fiscal responsibility, well planned growth, sensible ordinances, and the preservation of our residential / rural lifestyle will help West Richland prosper and remain this region's most preferred place to call home.

**Please visit [www.johnsmartforwestrichland.org](http://www.johnsmartforwestrichland.org) for more information.**  
**<http://youtu.be/eHPLVADzXlc>**

## Don Engelman



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired from a career as a manager, project manager, and president of an engineering company.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Caltech. Master's degree, California State University at Los Angeles.

**Community Service:** Past volunteer for YMCA, including Board of Directors. Past volunteer for United Way. Past member Board of Directors, TRIDEC. Current volunteer, Meals on Wheels.

**Candidate Statement:** I believe in conservative financial management, which is important for the long term well-being of West Richland. For my entire career as a manager, project manager and businessman, I have had to balance multiple competing priorities amid tight budgets. These are the skills the city needs as it builds a realistic plan for economic growth.

I believe that we need to protect the qualities that make West Richland a great place to live, and to preserve the lifestyle we enjoy, while providing for a fiscally conservative and financially sound growth leading to the future.

My knowledge and experience in business and my involvement in the community gives me the background to provide a responsible and conservative fiscal approach to the city.

<http://youtu.be/DzhTBRfiLWk>

## Robert Perkes



It has been my pleasure to serve the people of West Richland the last 4 years. I am honored by the trust and responsibility given to me. I have tried to make choices and decisions in the best interests of our people. I have tried to be impartial and thoughtful in my decision making. I believe West Richland is a stronger and better city since I came to office and would appreciate the chance to continue the work.

Yours In Sevice

Robert "Bob" Perkes

## Scott Whalen



**Elected Experience:** This is my first venture into elected office and I think you will find that my qualifications are well suited for city council.

**Other Professional Experience:** As a senior researcher at Battelle, I collaborate across government, industry, and academia to solve our nation's most challenging energy problems. I build and lead research teams, create strategic plans, and work within budgets.

**Education:** BS Mechanical Engineering, Idaho; MS Safety Engineering, Texas A&M; PhD Mechanical Engineering, Washington State University.

**Community Service:** My family recently helped build our community garden boxes, load dumpsters on Earth Day, clear home sites during the Carlton Complex fires, and host an annual Arc of Tri-Cities Christmas party. I have volunteered with Boy Scouts for over a decade and am currently an Assistant District Commissioner.

**Statement:** West Richland is a wonderful community and I want to take an active role in keeping it that way. Safe families, healthy infrastructure, and economic development are vital to our city's future. I support plans and budgets that build and protect these important aspects of our community. Strengths from my profession include solving complex problems, interdisciplinary teaming, and adhering to budgets; all of which are important qualities in a city councilor.

<https://youtu.be/E7mqj1B0TGY>

## Neomi N. Garza



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Owner/ operator of 2 successful construction/management companies for 11 years

**Education:** Highline High School, Shoreline Community College, Seattle. WA

**Community Service:** Tapteal Elementary, Tri-cities Domestic Violence Services, local youth sports teams I believe in a community and government built with leadership, accountability, and collaboration.

As an elected council representative I would earn our citizen's trust through transparency and consistency, while doing my part to ensure we preserve our rural way of life as we continue to grow.

As an active member in our community and mother of 2 sons, I would make it a priority to work closely with our youth sports teams, public safety organizations, various community groups, and citizens of West Richland. I believe by listening to your needs and keeping you in mind as we grow will ensure our town stays the safe, family oriented, rural-quality town we choose to call home.

As a business owner I know the importance of fiscal responsibility, and that budget management is crucial to build strong economic growth. As council members, we must hold ourselves accountable to prudently managing our city's resources to ensure our long term financial stability while maintaining our family oriented community.

<https://youtu.be/FMWPuERpRdY>

## Ken Stoker



Ken Stoker is my name.

I believe that West Richland citizens desire to preserve the rural lifestyle we enjoy through responsible smart growth and principled fiscal governance. It is important to protect the taxpayers' interests, not to speculate with that trust.

Economic growth within our community is very important, but our city government should be careful to be open to all business opportunities that will positively enhance our community and avoid activities which benefit specific individuals, groups or businesses.

Our family has lived in West Richland since 1998 upon my graduation from WSU with a Business-Administration degree. We decided on West Richland over other communities in the area because we liked the small-town environment with easy access to shopping and entertainment amenities nearby.

I have enjoyed active community service as a Scoutmaster for four years and involved in youth sports as coach in Grid Kids, Greater Richland Little League, Tri-Cities Girls' Fastpitch Softball Association and Richland Parks basketball for 17 teams. I have served on the planning committee for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising event for Benton and Franklin counties for twelve years.

For these reasons, I am soliciting your vote for City Council position #7.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk1xYW4WN1M&feature=youtu.be>

## Tony Benegas



**No statement submitted**

**Ben Messinger**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**Kennewick School District No. 17** | Director No. 4 4-year term

**Ron Mabry**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**Kennewick School District No. 17** | Director No. 5 4-year term

**Brian Brooks**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**Ryan Munn**



**No statement submitted**

**Sarah Maddox**



**No statement submitted**

**Taryn Hartley**



**No statement submitted**

**Jody Maddox**



My family has lived and farmed in the Paterson area for over 20 years. I have served on the Paterson School Board since 2002. I am proud of the accomplishments of the last 13 years.

We doubled the size of the school facility, completing it on time and under budget. The building and grounds are beautifully maintained.

We upgraded the bus fleet ensuring safe transport of students to and from school.

We enacted a better student calendar. Over the last eight years, Paterson's 4-day week has cultivated increases in overall student achievement. Our school is in the top 10% of performing schools in Washington.

We redirected the monies saved by adopting the calendar to improve student programs that the State was going to cut.

We developed safety upgrades and procedures to protect our school community. Paterson is a regional school safety leader.

I will continue to work collaboratively with our State and local legislators for the good of Paterson School District and the community.

Paterson School is a special place and there is a reason it has a long list of students who want to attend. I am proud to be a part of that and I want to continue on the Board.

**Tim Cook**

**No statement submitted**

**Julie Rheinschmidt**

**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** I have worked for the Kennewick School district since 2004. I teach middle school math and science, a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Course, and Lego Robotics. I am a member of the Professional Development Committee with KSD, and train teachers on the Charlotte Danielson Evaluation Rubric.

**Education:** I hold a BA in Education, with a Major in Reading and Minor in Spanish from EWU. My MA is from Heritage University, Major in English as a Second Language.

**Community Service:** Volunteer at Sporting Events and Sunday School Teacher

**Statement:** I have lived in Benton City for 13 years. I have three children enrolled in the KiBe School District. As a family we enjoy camping, skiing, and many different sports. Most evenings and weekends you can find me in the stands cheering on the KiBe Bears!

If elected I will place improving education as my top priority. I will represent you with honesty, professionalism, and integrity. I view this position as a position of service not power. I have no hidden agenda; my only desire is to work collectively with the school district and the community to ensure that each decision ensures what is best for our students and community.

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**Wayne J. Elston**

No statement submitted

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**Dale Thornton**

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**Elected Experience:** Several terms as a Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience:** Farmer, Construction Manager, over 20 years union construction worker, currently Plant Engineer/Technical Authority

**Education:** Graduate of Ki-Be High, classes at CBC, Degree in Construction Management

**Community Service:** Cubmaster and Scoutmaster, non-profit group leader, administrator in local church congregation, service projects within the community, Tri-City Hospice, church and Special Olympics

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Alumni of Ki-Be High, returned to Benton City to farm three years ago with two daughters at Ki-Be Elementary. Stories of previous conflicts, then witnessing abrupt adjustments made when new directors were elected prompted my desire to assist our school district.

The district's success depends on cooperative interaction among teachers and staff, administrators, parents and local taxpayers. The school board sets a climate for the school district and I promote a healthy group dynamic, approaching decisions with an open mind, a working relationship between the district and the public. I support a strong superintendent leader as the executive with guidance instead of micro-managing at many levels by the board. I support lower class sizes and dislike common core and excessive testing. I offer a professional demeanor and respectful behavior with appreciation for diverse points of view.

## Michaele (Mikey) Brady Raap



**Elected Experience:** none

**Other Professional Experience:** Over 30 years of project management; Board of Directors, Treasurer and President of the American Nuclear Society

**Education:** High School, Seymour, Texas; BS, MS and PhD, Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

**Community Service:** Youth soccer and basketball coach, chaperone at high school events

**Statement:** I value education as the key to success for our children. I believe that the best education comes from the right combination of those inspired to teach, those motivated to learn and strong community support. Achieving this balance is especially challenging in a small community with limited resources. A healthy school system benefits from an independent school board that can constructively integrate community interests, financial realities and administrative/professional requirements. I believe that experienced leadership is needed to maintain a healthy school system. My professional experience and training demonstrate I have the skills to make a difference. My sincere respect for KiBe community leaders, teachers, and parents has motivated me to get personally engaged. My goal is to make the Kiona-Benton School District a leading example for the state of Washington of what a small school district can do.

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## Tawny Garrett



**Board Experience:** 2014 - 2015 Appointed to Kiona-Benton School Board

**Other Professional Experience:** No Information Submitted

**Education:** Graduate Richland High School. Attended Columbia Basin College majoring in Human Services. Community Service: Benton City Library and Food bank volunteer. Outdoor beautification project in Benton City on the walking paths. Coordinator of volunteer projects for 500+ employees.

**Candidate Statement:** I've lived in Benton City for 8 years. My husband enjoyed growing up in this community, so we have decided to raise our children here as well. I have been working and will continue to work with the School Board to ensure the most healthy and responsible school possible for the Kiona-Benton School District. I work well with others to ensure team growth and development, as I believe it takes a team effort to succeed. I believe education comes first, and I am excited to continue making Kiona-Benton School the best place for our children.

**Dawn Senger****Unopposed**

I have lived in the Finley community for 36 years and have attended the Finley schools. My husband and I have two sons. Both sons have attended Finley schools, one graduating in 2008 and another will graduate in 2022. I've enjoyed growing up here and raising my two sons in a close knit community and a small school district.

I'm running for the Finley School Board because I want to give back to a community that I enjoy living in. We have excellent teachers and coaches, people who care what happens in our schools. I want to further our safe learning environment and establish our academics as first in the state for a school our size. I would like to further develop our athletics programs so they are accessible to all who want to play. And also develop a replacement program to make all aspects of the learning and playing experience a safe experience.

The District may be small, but we have heart along with parents, educators willing to work hard to make going to school a fun learning experience while getting a good education. I'd like to build on that and hope you will support me with your vote.

**Finley School District No. 53 | Director District 4 4-year term**
**Larry S. Ayre****Unopposed****No statement submitted**
**The offices below did not receive any filings which has created a void in candidacy:**

Finley School District | Director District 2 2-year unexpired term

Finley School District | Director District 3 4-year term

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 lhahn@finleysd.org

## Patty Johnson



**Elected Experience:**No information submitted

**Education:**Graduate Kingsburg High School, Kingsburg, CA. Certified Foster Parent. Earned certificates in classes for parenting and anger management in children. Seventeen units in child development and psychology, Fresno City College, CA. Completed classes for computer competence and design.

**Other Professional Experience:**Geriatric Nurses' Aide - 3 1/2 years. Daycare Provider/Preschool Director/Teacher; 4 years. Public School Teacher's Aide, 3 years. Home Daycare Operator. Elementary Coordinator/Pastoral Assistant, 11 years. Currently Office Manager for Grace Fellowship, Prosser, WA.

**Community Service:**Present: Jubilee Ministries, Red Door. Walk for Life 2015. Past: Beautiful Day. Campaign Manager for HI State Representative Candidate. District Representative for Hawaii State Republican Party. Statement:I look forward to working together with the current School Board members and the administration, to facilitate every child in Prosser Schools to receive the best educational experience available for them. By supporting our teachers, improving current school facilities and encouraging parental involvement, I believe we can equip our students for success and make a difference for the next generation.

**Personal:**Married 33 years, Three children, Two grandchildren. Writer, Gardener, Cook

## Peggy Douglas

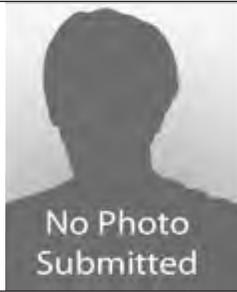


My husband Rick and I have lived in, and loved, the Prosser community for 38 years. Our three children attended and graduated from Prosser schools, and two of our grandchildren are currently students in the Prosser School system. I have personal ties to the schools, and I want to see the school district continue its proud tradition of being the best district in the valley.

My 27 years of educational experiences include 12 years of employment in the Prosser Schools Central Office. During the last 15 years, I was the Superintendent-Principal-Business Manager for the Paterson School District. In that position, I continued to work closely with Prosser advocating for the many students we shared.

Prosser has been a great place to raise a family and work. Now that I am retired, I have both the time and energy to give back to the Prosser community. I believe my prior educational experiences, understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the position, and my continued passion to support the vision and goals of the Prosser schools and community will benefit this position. I would be honored to continue working as your advocate on the Prosser School Board.

**Andy Howe**



**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

**Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116** | Director District 4 2-year unexpired term

**Warren Barmore**



**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

**Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116** | Director District 5 4-year term

**Bruce Matsumura**

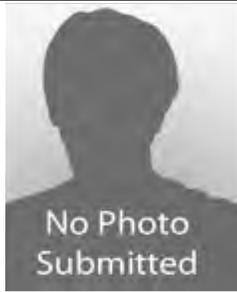


**Unopposed**

No statement submitted

**Antonio Ernesto**

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

Grandview School District 116/200 | Director District 2 2-year unexpired term

**Dale H. Burgeson**

I am a candidate for the Grandview School Board. I have lived in Grandview for over 40 years. Both of my daughters graduated from Grandview High School. I am now retired and have time to be a Director. I have been a volunteer in the Grandview Schools and feel that I could bring some new insight into the district. I have been involved in City government and in Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, and active in my Church.



**Unopposed**

Grandview School District 116/200 | Director District 3 4-year term

**Elizabeth Alba**

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

Grandview School District 116/200 | Director District 4 4-year term

**Jessica Hansen**

As a former Grandview student and college graduate, I am thankful for the excellent education that I received here. I want to help make sure that the tradition continues for the next generation. Great schools help build a great community, and I promise to work for that goal.



**Unopposed**

## Ronald L. (Ron) Higgins



**Elected Experience:** No information submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** Certificated Math Teacher, Washington and California; Retired Engineer, US DOE; Retired Lieutenant Colonel, USMC Reserve; Registered Professional Engineer; Flight Instructor; Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam; School Bus Driver

**Education:** MS Chemical Engineering, University of Washington; MS, University of West Florida; BS, Cal Poly

**Community Service:** Boy Scouts; Youth Soccer Referee; Ignite Youth Mentoring; Red Cross Blood Platelet Donor

**Statement:** Parents have ultimate authority for their children's education; I will protect parental rights. Final curriculum decisions need to be made locally, and teachers need to be free to teach, so I am opposed to Common Core. Children's rights don't end when they enter school; I will protect their Constitutional and privacy rights. Education should impart basic academic skills and convey our country's heritage of liberty to students; I oppose fads that stray from these objectives. People with classroom experience should determine educational policy; as a certificated math teacher in Washington and California, I have substitute taught all grades/multiple subjects in six public school districts in Washington, and in inner city Los Angeles, and driven a school bus in Pasco.

Son and daughter graduated from Richland High School and CBC; my wife and I were Richland High School parent-patrol volunteers. I appreciate your support.

## Rick Donahoe



**Elected Experience:** 2009-present, Richland School District Board of Directors

**Other Professional Experience:** Currently serving as the CEO of the International Children's Reading Foundation, and 33 years prior experience as an engineer/project manager.

**Education:** Undergraduate degrees-English Education, Engineering. Graduate degrees - Business and Education Leadership.

**Community Service:** Hanford High School drama booster club, Richland School District Partners for Early Learning, youth soccer coach and referee.

**Statement:** I am committed to the school district's mission to prepare students to be critical thinkers, passionate learners, contributing members of society and successful in the global community.

I have volunteered in the Richland elementary, middle and high schools with tutoring, science fair judging, and working back stage at high school drama performances

I actively solicit input from parents, teachers, citizens and students. Our students deserve the very best from each of us. I make decisions based on What is best for all students and all programs.

The District should provide a safe learning environment. Our students should learn academic skills while being involved in athletics, service groups, clubs and the arts. I look forward to continuing to earn your trust as we work together.

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## Brett Amidan



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Statistician at PNNL; WSUTC adjunct faculty teaching statistics

**Education:** MS Degree in Statistics

**Community Service:** Participated with the Richland Citizens for Good Schools; Serve on the TriCity Youth Choir Board; Volunteered at local schools; coach youth sports

**Statement:** I am a native of Richland, currently living in West Richland with children in Richland schools. I can effectively represent both communities. Being a statistician, I can provide an analytical background, helping to better understand demographic, testing, and financial data. Improving our analytical approach will improve decision making. Students are our number one priority; therefore parents should play a large role in the educational process and on the school board. As a WSUTC instructor I realize how important it is to improve the educational environment. Teachers should be included in the decision making process. Improvements can be made by relying less on standardized tests. I plan to use my stipend to fund a teacher reward program with nominations coming from students and parents. Please visit [www.brett4rsb.com](http://www.brett4rsb.com) for more details about this idea, transparency, and others. I hope to facilitate ideas like these and more with help from the community and improve the education for our youth.

## Jill M. Oldson



Endorsed by Washington Education Association - Southeast (WAE)

**Professional Experience:** Substitute para educator for the Richland School District. Professional management positions at the Hyatt, Marriott, and Cavanaugh hotels corporate properties.

**Education:** California State University Fullerton, BA Psychology

**Community Service:** Richland School District PTO President and VP, Treasurer, and classroom volunteer. Additionally, classroom mentor for Junior Achievement, Board of Directors "First Tee of Tri-Cities", Rally Ambassador "Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament", President of "Smile for a Lifetime Columbia Basin".

**Statement:** I submit my commitment to provide greater impacts in the Richland School District. To be a voice that speaks up for many whose core values are aligned with current educational challenges. Great challenges we face in education today are the testing requirements that measures student success. These methods are leaving children behind. "Education" means more teachers, reduced classroom sizes, and technologically advanced classrooms. This will enable students to achieve, strive for more, and continue on with conquering the higher demands of our colleges and universities. We can get there by reinvesting in the fundamental educational foundations for students to grow their knowledge and self-worth which is a pipeline for confidence and being well-prepared for their future.

## Phyllis Strickler



**Elected Experience:** I have been pleased to serve the community by being on the Richland School Board.

**Other Professional Experience:** Research Assistant at Washington State University and University of Iowa. Taught at Western State College in Colorado and University of Wyoming, served as a substitute teacher in Richland School District

**Education:** Graduate of Richland High School, BS and MS from Washington State University, Ph.D. University of Iowa

**Community Service:** Director of West Side Tutoring Program for Marcus Whitman students.

**Statement:** Thanks to the support of our community, this summer we are moving into four new school buildings, and have made improvements to Fran Rish Stadium and Chief Joseph Middle School, and a new middle school is to be built in West Richland.

We need to continue and expand our efforts to enhance student learning for all students. All day kindergarten will become a reality this fall, though families may opt to go half day. Programs at each end of the learning spectrum give students help in reaching goals.

Our district is fiscally sound and needs to remain so. We must balance the needs and desires of the district with the economic realities of our community and its members.

[www.votestrickler.com](http://www.votestrickler.com)

## Gordon Comfort



**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Executive Director (Goodwill Industries of the Columbia)

**Education:** Ph.D., Capella University (expected 2016), M.Ed., Harvard University, B.A., Brigham Young University

**Community Service:** Coaching, church service, nonprofit board of directors

**Statement:** I believe in innovation, having clear goals, and supporting students through excellent teachers.

Along with STEM, I would like to help create a Health and Sciences Academy in partnership with local school districts, colleges, and hospitals that would provide opportunities for students interested in Health Careers.

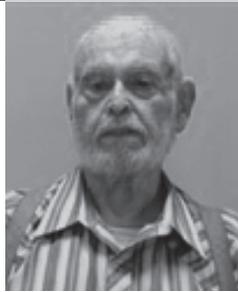
We have a good district that can be great with a clear vision throughout the organization. Accountability starts with good leadership from the school board and superintendent.

During campaign cycles and district negotiations, the rallying cry "We put students first!" is often heard. If one side is for students, does that mean the other side is not? I champion the idea that district leaders put students first via happy, dedicated, and supported teachers. My job as a school board member is to set policy, hire the right district leader, and have the proper fiscal priorities that allow teachers to do what they do best: love and teach students.

I appreciate your vote. Thank you.

[https://youtu.be/tNqejuD\\_kW0](https://youtu.be/tNqejuD_kW0)

### E W (Bill) Houchin



**Elected Experience:** Finley School District, Benton County Fire District # 1 Fire Commissioners.

**Other Professional Experience:** Officer Art Shrives Memorial Burn Fund, volunteer in local fire service.

**Education:** Graduate of Albany High School, Graduate Oregon Institute Technology, attended Fire Science Classes at Columbia Basin College.

**Community Service:** Served as a volunteer firefighter in all capacities except chief, for 30 years.

**Statement:** I have served my community in a professional and volunteer capacity with honesty, experience and a vast knowledge of the area. I maintain my commitment in making safer conditions. With this knowledge and experience of 40 plus years in the local fire service, vision for the Benton County Fire District# 1 is to provide the best emergency service affordable. This will be accomplished with a board of commissioners who have a vision for the future and I believe that I can be a part of that team when elected. The fire district operates on a tight budget, so it is imperative that it makes the funds cover all expenses, and I believe I have the knowledge to maintain the requisite level of service in the fire district. For more information (509) 366-0369, houchin.bill@gmail.com

### Scott Carpenter



No statement submitted

## Fire District #2 | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term

### Larry Howell



No statement submitted

Unopposed

## Fire District #3 | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term

### Brian Gustin



No statement submitted

Unopposed

## Local Ballot Measure

**Fire District****Proposition #1**

**The Board of Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 2015-08 concerning a proposition to dissolve the Fire District.**

**This proposition would dissolve Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 effective December 31, 2015. All fire protection and emergency medical services previously provided by the Fire District will continue to be provided by the voter approved West Benton Regional Fire Authority, which has been the exclusive provider of fire protection and emergency medical services within Benton County Fire Protection District No. 3 since January 1, 2015.**

**Should this proposition be:**

**Approved**

**Rejected**

The Official Ballot Title and were written by the Fire Protection District #3 as required by law. The Benton County Auditor is not responsible for the content of arguments or statements (WAC 434-381-180).

**Explanatory Statement**

Written by Fire Protection District No. 3

If this proposition is approved, it would dissolve Benton County Fire District #3, effective January 1, 2016. Benton County Fire District #3 no longer provides fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services.

Following voter approval of the West Benton Regional Fire Authority Plan in 2014, Benton County Fire District #3 transferred all of its assets and operations to the West Benton Region Fire Authority and there is no further need to maintain Benton County Fire District #3. Dissolving the Fire District will eliminate an unnecessary governmental entity.

To view the West Benton Regional Fire Authority Plan, please visit: [www.westbentonfirerescue.org](http://www.westbentonfirerescue.org)

**For & Against Statements***Dissolution Pro Statement*

What is a West Benton Regional Fire Authority (RFA)? After many years of working cooperatively together, Benton County Fire District #3 and the City of Prosser have – by a vote of the people -- permanently “joined hands” by forming the West Benton Regional Fire Authority (“RFA”). This was given overwhelming approval by the voters in November 2014 and the RFA was established and began providing emergency services on January 1st of this year (2015).

Combining the existing partnership of the City and Fire District into a single operating entity the RFA creates permanent savings and provides dedicated funding to deliver a wide variety of emergency fire, rescue and medical services. All assets of both the city and fire district have been transferred to the RFA. Additionally, the elected Governing Board of the RFA provides direct representation for both city and rural residents. Why should Benton County Fire District #3 be dissolved?

Voting YES on Ballot Proposition #1 will fulfill the requirements of the West Benton Regional Fire Authority Plan which was adopted by the voters in November 2014. The Plan requires dissolution of the fire district in 2016 by the voters.

With a new, combined emergency services entity (RFA) which acquired all of the Benton County Fire District #3 assets, there is no longer a need for the fire district to exist.

Elected representation for the rural Prosser area is now done directly by rural RFA Governing Board members.

Dissolving the fire district will eliminate duplication of the new RFA entity.

**Win Taylor**



**No statement submitted**

**Max Benitz Jr**



Commissioner Benitz' service to the Prosser community spans over 25 years in leadership. Max's tenure includes 16 years as Benton County Commissioner; three years as Port of Benton Commissioner and currently he is completing his fourth year as Fire Commissioner for Benton County Fire District #3 and Governing Board member of West Benton Regional Fire Authority. Throughout these years, Commissioner Benitz has provided strong leadership and vision to the electorates who have placed their faith in his abilities. As Fire Commissioner for Benton County Fire District #3, Max was instrumental in forming the Prosser Fire District 3 Community Task Force which gave citizens the opportunity to help define the services and levels of emergency service the community needed. From that effort, Commissioner Benitz championed the effort to successfully form the West Benton Regional Fire Authority which provides dedicated funding and improvements to the community's emergency services. A supportive vote to keep Commissioner Benitz in leadership with the West Benton Regional Fire Authority insures sustainable, effective and efficient fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services in our community.

**Jay Boyle**



**No statement submitted**

**Unopposed**

**Trevor Day****No statement submitted****David Moon****Elected Experience:****Other Professional Experience:**

Electrical Schematic Draftsman for Doyle Engineering. Irrigation design and installation at Muffett and Sons. Shirl Moon Ranch, family owned and operated dryland wheat farm. EMT at Prosser Memorial Hospital.

**Education:** Graduate of Prosser High School, Prosser, WA. Attended classes at WWCC and Cal Poly. Graduate of ITT. Community Service: Firefighter/EMT for BCFD #3. Captain/EMT for BCFD #5. Cub Scout Den Leader, and Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America.

**Statement:** With over two decades of experience working for emergency services, I am well equipped for the position of Commissioner. I have worked alongside personnel from across the county to reach common goals and care for our community. As Commissioner I will use my background in electrical and irrigation design to create robust plans to combat issues in Benton County. I will ensure that the fire department operates within its annual budget. Having worked with a wide range of people through emergencies and tragedy I believe my experience will be an asset to both the board and the community.

For more information: (509) 786-6811; cadamoon@hotmail.com

**Tim B. Stewart****No statement submitted****Randy Fox**

Commissioner Randy Fox has served the Prosser community as Fire Commissioner and Chairman of the Board for over ten years. Under his leadership, the community has seen an efficient and effective emergency services agency develop to today's professional standards. Commissioner Fox was instrumental in overseeing the replacement of outdated fire apparatus and equipment which enhanced our level of service and firefighter training/safety. Commissioner Fox endorsed the Prosser Fire District 3 Citizen's Task Force Committee which led to creating a successful Strategic Plan resulting in the formation of the West Benton Regional Fire Authority. Commissioner Fox's experience, leadership and direction has fostered plans set forth by the Citizen's Task Force and the Regional Fire Authority to ensure strong, viable levels of emergency services to meet the future needs of protecting our community.

**Richard Clizbe**

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Fire District #4 | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term**

**AJ Hill**

No statement submitted



**Unopposed**

**Fire District #5 | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term**

**Donald E. Walker**

No statement submitted



**Randy Mercer**

No statement submitted



**Fire District #6 | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term**

**Harold Juergens**

No statement submitted



## Local Ballot Measure

# Fire District Proposition #1

**The Board of Benton County Fire Protection District No. 6 adopted Resolution No. 2015-02 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.**

**This proposition authorizes the District to establish its regular property tax levy at \$1 .27 per \$1,000 of assessed value to be assessed in 2015 and collected in 2016. The funds will finance improved fire protection operations, replace apparatus and equipment, provide staffing and increase emergency medical service levels. The maximum allowable levy in 2015 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by chapter 84.55 RCW.**

**Should this proposition be:**

Approved

Rejected

The Official Ballot Title and were written by the Fire Protection District #6 as required by law. The Benton County Auditor is not responsible for the content of arguments or statements (WAC 434-381-180).

## Explanatory Statement

Benton County Fire Protection District No. 6 provides emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services to its citizens. This proposition will authorize the District to establish its regular real property tax levy rate (which is currently approximately \$.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) to a levy rate not to exceed \$1.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Approval of this measure will provide increased response staffing and will allow the District to maintain and improve fire protection and emergency medical services. If the levy is approved, the District would assess the new rate in 2015 for collection in 2016. In subsequent years increases will be subject to the limit factor in RCW Chapter 84.55, which limits increases to one percent of the prior levy plus taxes on new construction and increases in utility valuations.

The Board of Commissioners has determined that establishing the levy rate at \$1.27 per \$1,000 is necessary to provide an effective level of services, fire fighter staffing, equipment and facilities in light of rising costs.

If the levy is approved, the maximum tax per \$100,000 assessed valuation would not exceed \$127.00 each year or approximately \$10.58 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

## For & Against Statements

### *For Statement*

Williams strongly encourages the approval of Proposition 1 to authorize Benton County Fire District No. 6 to establish its regular real property tax levy rate (which is currently approximately \$.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) to a levy rate not to exceed \$1.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Our company has had operations in Plymouth for many years and has become involved in community issues that affect the town. When we experienced an explosion at our plant in March 2014, Benton County Fire District No. 6 was one of the first to respond to the incident. We value the support they provided at the time, and we strongly believe increased funding is critical to the continued success of the district in providing and improving fire protection and emergency medical services to the community. We value the partnership we have with the district and are pleased to provide support to a legislative proposition that will better serve the residents of Benton County. If the ballot issue is approved, we're confident the funding will be used in an efficient and responsible manner.

## For & Against Statements

### *Against Statement*

Benton County Fire District 6 is asking for an increase to \$1.27 per \$1000 of property value, the Proposition does not specify how the monies will be utilized. Currently, the district has one Chief, one career firefighter, sixteen active duty volunteers, and three seasonal firefighter/EMT's. The district has four personnel trained as EMT/Basic, two advanced EMT's and one Paramedic. The district also has Mutual Aid Agreements with four neighboring districts, to provide assistance when needed. Since the need for services are unpredictable, hiring more personnel to wait for an emergency on a full time basis does not represent the best use of our tax monies.

**The offices below did not receive any filings which has created a void in candidacy:**

**County Well Water District** | Commissioner Position 2 4-year unexpired term

**County Well Water District** | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term

**For more information:**

Secretary: Sharon Travis  
(509) 786-3619

**Plymouth Water District** | Commissioner Pos. 3 6-year term

**M. Lynn Sloan**



**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**

**The office below did not receive any filings which has created a void in candidacy:**

**Tri-City Estates Water District** | Commissioner Position 3 6-year term

**For more information:**

Secretary: Juliet Price  
(509) 627-2999

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# Ballot Drop Box Locations

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Benton City: **City Hall** 708 9th St

West Richland: **City Hall** 3801 W Van Giesen St (Drive up)

Kennewick: **Auditor’s Annex** 5600 W Canal Dr

**City Hall** 210 W 6th Ave (Drive Up)

Richland: **Auditor’s Annex** 101 Wellsian Way Ste E

**Jefferson Park** Symons St (Drive up)

Tri-Cities Drop Box Location Map:



Benton City Drop Box Location Map:



Prosser Drop Box Location Map:





### How do I read measure text?

Language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing state law; it will be taken out of the law if this measure is approved by voters.

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Underlined language does not appear in current state law but will be added to the law if this measure is approved by voters.

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## Complete Text

### Initiative Measure No. 1366

AN ACT Relating to taxes and fees imposed by state government; amending RCW 82.08.020, 43.135.031, and 43.135.041; adding new sections to chapter 43.135 RCW; creating new sections; and providing a contingent expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

#### INTENT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Over the past twenty years, the taxpayers have been required to pay increasing taxes and fees to the state, hampering economic growth and limiting opportunities for the citizens of Washington.

The people declare and establish that the state needs to exercise fiscal restraint by either reducing tax burdens or limiting tax increases to only those considered necessary by more than a bare majority of legislators.

Since 1993, the voters have repeatedly passed initiatives requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes and majority legislative approval for fee increases. However, the people have not been allowed to vote on a constitutional amendment requiring these protections even though the people have approved them on numerous occasions.

This measure provides a reduction in the burden of state taxes by reducing the sales tax, enabling the citizens to keep more of their own money to pay for increases in other state taxes and fees due to the lack of a constitutional amendment protecting them, unless

the legislature refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes and majority legislative approval for fee increases. The people want to ensure that tax and fee increases are consistently a last resort.

#### REDUCE THE SALES TAX UNLESS...

**Sec. 2.** RCW 82.08.020 (Tax imposed--Retail sales--Retail car rental) and 2014 c 140 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is levied and collected a tax equal to ~~((six))~~ five and five-tenths percent of the selling price on each retail sale in this state of:

(a) Tangible personal property, unless the sale is specifically excluded from the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(b) Digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services, if the sale is included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(c) Services, other than digital automated services, included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

(d) Extended warranties to consumers; and

(e) Anything else, the sale of which is included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale.

(2) There is levied and collected an additional tax on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

(3) Beginning July 1, 2003, there is levied and collected an additional tax of three-tenths of one percent of the selling price on each retail sale of a motor vehicle in this state, other than retail car rentals taxed under subsection (2) of this section. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

(4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "motor vehicle" has the meaning provided in RCW 46.04.320, but does not include:

(a) Farm tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and 46.04.181, unless the farm tractor or farm vehicle is for use in the production of marijuana;

(b) Off-road vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.365;

(c) Nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.310; and

(d) Snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.04.546.

(5) Beginning on December 8, 2005, 0.16 percent of the taxes collected under subsection (1) of this section must be dedicated to funding comprehensive performance audits required under RCW 43.09.470. The revenue identified in this subsection must be deposited in the performance audits of government account created in RCW 43.09.475.

(6) The taxes imposed under this chapter apply to successive retail sales of the same property.

(7) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes imposed under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

**...UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE REFERS TO THE BALLOT FOR A VOTE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OR VOTER APPROVAL TO RAISE TAXES AND MAJORITY LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR FEE INCREASES**

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** (1) Section 2 of this act takes effect April 15, 2016, unless the contingency in subsection (2) of this section occurs.

(2) If the legislature, prior to April 15, 2016, refers to the ballot for a vote a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes as defined by voter-approved Initiatives 960, 1053, and 1185 and section 6 of this act and majority legislative approval for fee increases as required by voter-approved Initiatives 960, 1053, and 1185 and codified in RCW 43.135.055 and further defined by subsection (a) of this section, section 2 of this act expires on April 14, 2016.

(a) "Majority legislative approval for fee increases" means only the legislature may set a fee increase's amount and must list it in a bill so it can be subject to the ten-year cost projection and other accountability procedures required by RCW 43.135.031.

**STATUTORY REFERENCE UPDATES**

**Sec. 4.** RCW 43.135.031 (Bills raising taxes or fees — Cost analysis — Press release — Notice of hearings — Updated analyses) and 2013 c 1 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For any bill introduced in either the house of representatives or the senate that raises taxes as defined by ((RCW 43.135.034)) section 6 of this act or increases fees, the office of financial management must expeditiously determine its cost to the taxpayers in its first ten years of imposition, must promptly and without delay report the results of its analysis by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the

news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their contact information, who are sponsors and cosponsors of the bill so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(2) Any time any legislative committee schedules a public hearing on a bill that raises taxes as defined by ((RCW 43.135.034)) section 6 of this act or increases fees, the office of financial management must promptly and without delay report the results of its most up-to-date analysis of the bill required by subsection (1) of this section and the date, time, and location of the hearing by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. The press release required by this subsection must include all the information required by subsection (1) of this section and the names of the legislators, and their contact information, who are members of the legislative committee conducting the hearing so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(3) Each time a bill that raises taxes as defined by ((RCW 43.135.034)) section 6 of this act or increases fees is approved by any legislative committee or by at least a simple majority in either the house of representatives or the senate, the office of financial management must expeditiously reexamine and redetermine its ten-year cost projection due to amendment or other changes during the legislative process, must promptly and without delay report the results of its most up-to-date analysis by public press release via e-mail to each member of the house of representatives, each member of the senate, the news media, and the public, and must post and maintain these releases on its web site. Any ten-year cost projection must include a year-by-year breakdown. For any bill containing more than one revenue source, a ten-year cost projection for each revenue source will be included along with the bill's total ten-year cost projection. The press release shall include the names of the legislators, and their contact information, and how they voted on the bill so they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.

(4) For the purposes of this section, “names of legislators, and their contact information” includes each legislator’s position (senator or representative), first name, last name, party affiliation (for example, Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in, office phone number, and office e-mail address.

(5) For the purposes of this section, “news media” means any member of the press or media organization, including newspapers, radio, and television, that signs up with the office of financial management to receive the public press releases by e-mail.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “the public” means any person, group, or organization that signs up with the office of financial management to receive the public press releases by e-mail.

**Sec. 5.** RCW 43.135.041 (Tax legislation — Advisory vote — Duties of the attorney general and secretary of state — Exemption) and 2013 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) After July 1, 2011, if legislative action raising taxes as defined by ((RCW 43.135.034)) section 6 of this act is blocked from a public vote or is not referred to the people by a referendum petition found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, a measure for an advisory vote of the people is required and shall be placed on the next general election ballot under this chapter.

(b) If legislative action raising taxes enacted after July 1, 2011, involves more than one revenue source, each tax being increased shall be subject to a separate measure for an advisory vote of the people under the requirements of this chapter.

(2) No later than the first of August, the attorney general will send written notice to the secretary of state of any tax increase that is subject to an advisory vote of the people, under the provisions and exceptions provided by this chapter. Within five days of receiving such written notice from the attorney general, the secretary of state will assign a serial number for a measure for an advisory vote of the people and transmit one copy of the measure bearing its serial number to the attorney general as required by RCW 29A.72.040, for any tax increase identified by the attorney general as needing an advisory vote of the people for that year’s general election ballot. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are not counted in calculating the time limits in this subsection.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “blocked from a public vote” includes adding an emergency clause to a bill increasing taxes, bonding or contractually obligating taxes, or otherwise preventing a referendum on a

bill increasing taxes.

(4) If legislative action raising taxes is referred to the people by the legislature or is included in an initiative to the people found to be sufficient under RCW 29A.72.250, then the tax increase is exempt from an advisory vote of the people under this chapter.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW and reads as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, “raises taxes” means any action or combination of actions by the state legislature that increases state tax revenue deposited in any fund, budget, or account, regardless of whether the revenues are deposited into the general fund.

#### CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

#### SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

#### TITLE OF THE ACT

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.** This act is known and may be cited as the “Taxpayer Protection Act.”

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## Complete Text

### Initiative Measure No. 1401

AN ACT Relating to the trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction; amending RCW 77.15.085, 77.15.100, and 77.15.425; reenacting and amending RCW 77.08.010; adding a new section to chapter 77.15 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** There is broad consensus that the trafficking of animals threatened with extinction continues to grow at an alarming pace, threatening an increasing variety of animal species including elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays, among others. These species are threatened with extinction in large part due to the trafficking of their parts and products. The national strategy for combating wildlife trafficking, released in February 2014, recognized the important role that states have in protecting species that are subject to illegal wildlife trade. Federal law regulates the transfer or importation of parts or products made from endangered animal species, but due to the increasing demand for these products around the world, state authority needs to be expanded to appropriately regulate these markets on a local level.

The most effective way to discourage illegal trafficking in animal species threatened with extinction is to eliminate markets and profits. The people find that it is in the public interest to protect animal species threatened with extinction by prohibiting within the state of Washington, with certain limited exceptions, the sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, barter for, and distribution of any part or product of any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray identified as threatened with extinction by specified international conservation organizations. These animals represent some of the most trafficked species threatened with extinction according to illegal wildlife product seizure data gathered by the world wildlife fund-TRAFFIC, international union for conservation of nature, and other international conservation organizations.

**Sec. 2.** RCW 77.08.010 and 2014 c 202 s 301 and 2014 c 48 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this title or rules adopted under this title unless the context

clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Anadromous game fish buyer" means a person who purchases or sells steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish harvested by Indian fishers lawfully exercising fishing rights reserved by federal statute, treaty, or executive order, under conditions prescribed by rule of the director.

(2) "Angling gear" means a line attached to a rod and reel capable of being held in hand while landing the fish or a hand-held line operated without rod or reel.

(3) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of game animals, game birds, or game fish which may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed by a person, as specified by rule of the commission for a particular period of time, or as to size, sex, or species.

(4) "Building" means a private domicile, garage, barn, or public or commercial building.

(5) "Closed area" means a place where the hunting of some or all species of wild animals or wild birds is prohibited.

(6) "Closed season" means all times, manners of taking, and places or waters other than those established by rule of the commission as an open season. "Closed season" also means all hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish, food fish, or shellfish that do not conform to the special restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the commission as an open season or that have not otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest, or possess by rule of the commission as an open season.

(7) "Closed waters" means all or part of a lake, river, stream, or other body of water, where fishing or harvesting is prohibited.

(8) "Commercial" means related to or connected with buying, selling, or bartering.

(9) "Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.

(10) "Concurrent waters of the Columbia river" means those waters of the Columbia river that coincide with the Washington-Oregon state boundary.

(11) "Contraband" means any property that is unlawful to produce or possess.

(12) "Deleterious exotic wildlife" means species of the animal kingdom not native to Washington and designated as dangerous to the environment or wildlife of the state.

(13) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

(14) "Director" means the director of fish and wildlife.

(15) "Endangered species" means wildlife designated by the commission as seriously threatened with extinction.

(16) "Ex officio fish and wildlife officer" means:

(a) A commissioned officer of a municipal, county, or state agency having as its primary function the enforcement of criminal laws in general, while the officer is acting in the respective jurisdiction of that agency;

(b) An officer or special agent commissioned by one of the following: The national marine fisheries service; the Washington state parks and recreation commission; the United States fish and wildlife service; the Washington state department of natural resources; the United States forest service; or the United States parks service, if the agent or officer is in the respective jurisdiction of the primary commissioning agency and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the primary commissioning agency;

(c) A commissioned fish and wildlife peace officer from another state who meets the training standards set by the Washington state criminal justice training commission pursuant to RCW 10.93.090, 43.101.080, and 43.101.200, and who is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the primary commissioning agency; or

(d) A Washington state tribal police officer who successfully completes the requirements set forth under RCW 43.101.157, is employed by a tribal nation that has complied with RCW 10.92.020(2)(a) and (b), and is acting under a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement between the department and the tribal government.

(17) "Fish" includes all species classified as game fish or food fish by statute or rule, as well as all fin fish not currently classified as food fish or game fish if such species exist in state waters. The term "fish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of fish species.

(18) "Fish and wildlife officer" means a person appointed and commissioned by the director, with authority to enforce this title and rules adopted pursuant to this title, and other statutes as prescribed by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officer includes a person commissioned before June 11, 1998, as a wildlife agent or a fisheries patrol officer.

(19) "Fish broker" means a person whose business it is to bring a seller of fish and shellfish and a purchaser of those fish and shellfish together.

(20) "Fish buyer" means:

(a) A wholesale fish dealer or a retail seller who directly receives fish or shellfish from a commercial fisher or receives fish or shellfish in interstate or foreign commerce; or

(b) A person engaged by a wholesale fish dealer who receives fish or shellfish from a commercial fisher.

(21) "Fishery" means the taking of one or more particular species of fish or shellfish with particular gear in a particular geographical area.

(22) "Food, food waste, or other substance" includes human and pet food or other waste or garbage that could attract large wild carnivores.

(23) "Freshwater" means all waters not defined as saltwater including, but not limited to, rivers upstream of the river mouth, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

(24) "Fur-bearing animals" means game animals that shall not be trapped except as authorized by the commission.

(25) "Fur dealer" means a person who purchases, receives, or resells raw furs for commercial purposes.

(26) "Game animals" means wild animals that shall not be hunted except as authorized by the commission.

(27) "Game birds" means wild birds that shall not be hunted except as authorized by the commission.

(28) "Game farm" means property on which wildlife is held, confined, propagated, hatched, fed, or otherwise raised for commercial purposes, trade, or gift. The term "game farm" does not include publicly owned facilities.

(29) "Game reserve" means a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited.

(30) "Illegal items" means those items unlawful to be possessed.

(31)(a) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to purposefully or knowingly provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or building.

(b) "Intentionally feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

(32) "Large wild carnivore" includes wild bear, cougar, and wolf.

(33) "License year" means the period of time for which a recreational license is valid. The license year begins April 1st, and ends March 31st.

(34) "Limited-entry license" means a license subject to a license limitation program established in chapter 77.70 RCW.

(35) "Money" means all currency, script, personal checks, money orders, or other negotiable instruments.

(36) "Natural person" means a human being.

(37)(a) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" means to provide, leave, or place in, on, or about any land or building any food, food waste, or other substance that attracts or could attract large wild carnivores to that land or building, without the awareness that a reasonable person in the same situation would have with regard to the likelihood that the food, food waste, or other substance could attract large wild carnivores to the land or building.

(b) "Negligently feed, attempt to feed, or attract" does not include keeping food, food waste, or other substance in an enclosed garbage receptacle or other enclosed container unless specifically directed by a fish and wildlife officer or animal control authority to secure the receptacle or container in another manner.

(38) "Nonresident" means a person who has not fulfilled the qualifications of a resident.

(39) "Offshore waters" means marine waters of the Pacific Ocean outside the territorial boundaries of the state, including the marine waters of other states and countries.

(40) "Open season" means those times, manners of taking, and places or waters established by rule of the commission for the lawful hunting, fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish, food fish, or shellfish that conform to the special restrictions or physical descriptions established by rule of the commission or that have otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, or possess by rule of the commission. "Open season" includes the first and last days of the established time.

(41) "Owner" means the person in whom is vested the ownership dominion, or title of the property.

(42) "Person" means and includes an individual; a corporation; a public or private entity or organization; a local, state, or federal agency; all business organizations, including corporations and partnerships; or a group of two or more individuals acting with a common purpose whether acting in an individual, representative, or official capacity.

(43) "Personal property" or "property" includes

both corporeal and incorporeal personal property and includes, among other property, contraband and money.

(44) "Personal use" means for the private use of the individual taking the fish or shellfish and not for sale or barter.

(45) "Predatory birds" means wild birds that may be hunted throughout the year as authorized by the commission.

(46) "Protected wildlife" means wildlife designated by the commission that shall not be hunted or fished.

(47) "Raffle" means an activity in which tickets bearing an individual number are sold for not more than twenty-five dollars each and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or for access to hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the raffle.

(48) "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 77.08.075.

(49) "Retail-eligible species" means commercially harvested salmon, crab, and sturgeon.

(50) "Saltwater" means those marine waters seaward of river mouths.

(51) "Seaweed" means marine aquatic plant species that are dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in either an attached or free floating form, and includes but is not limited to marine aquatic plants in the classes Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta.

(52) "Senior" means a person seventy years old or older.

(53) "Shark fin" means a raw, dried, or otherwise processed detached fin or tail of a shark.

(54)(a) "Shark fin derivative product" means any product intended for use by humans or animals that is derived in whole or in part from shark fins or shark fin cartilage.

(b) "Shark fin derivative product" does not include a drug approved by the United States food and drug administration and available by prescription only or medical device or vaccine approved by the United States food and drug administration.

(55) "Shellfish" means those species of marine and freshwater invertebrates that have been classified and that shall not be taken or possessed except as authorized by rule of the commission. The term "shellfish" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of shellfish species.

(56) "State waters" means all marine waters and

fresh waters within ordinary high water lines and within the territorial boundaries of the state.

(57) "Taxidermist" means a person who, for commercial purposes, creates lifelike representations of fish and wildlife using fish and wildlife parts and various supporting structures.

(58) "To fish" and its derivatives means an effort to kill, injure, harass, harvest, or capture a fish or shellfish.

(59) "To hunt" and its derivatives means an effort to kill, injure, harass, harvest, or capture a wild animal or wild bird.

(60) "To process" and its derivatives mean preparing or preserving fish, wildlife, or shellfish.

(61) "To take" and its derivatives means to kill, injure, harvest, or capture a fish, shellfish, wild animal, bird, or seaweed.

(62) "To trap" and its derivatives means a method of hunting using devices to capture wild animals or wild birds.

(63) "To waste" or "to be wasted" means to allow any edible portion of any game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than cougar to be rendered unfit for human consumption, or to fail to retrieve edible portions of such a game bird, food fish, game fish, shellfish, or big game animal other than cougar from the field. For purposes of this chapter, edible portions of game birds must include, at a minimum, the breast meat of those birds. Entrails, including the heart and liver, of any wildlife species are not considered edible.

(64) "Trafficking" means offering, attempting to engage, or engaging in sale, barter, or purchase of fish, shellfish, wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

(65) "Unclaimed" means that no owner of the property has been identified or has requested, in writing, the release of the property to themselves nor has the owner of the property designated an individual to receive the property or paid the required postage to effect delivery of the property.

(66) "Unclassified wildlife" means wildlife existing in Washington in a wild state that have not been classified as big game, game animals, game birds, predatory birds, protected wildlife, endangered wildlife, or deleterious exotic wildlife.

(67) "Wholesale fish dealer" means a person who, acting for commercial purposes, takes possession or ownership of fish or shellfish and sells, barter, or exchanges or attempts to sell, barter, or exchange fish or shellfish that have been landed into the state of Washington or entered the state of Washington in

interstate or foreign commerce.

(68) "Wild animals" means those species of the class Mammalia whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. The term "wild animal" does not include feral domestic mammals or old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia.

(69) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose members exist in Washington in a wild state.

(70) "Wildlife" means all species of the animal kingdom whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates. The term "wildlife" does not include feral domestic mammals, old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order Rodentia, or those fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates classified as food fish or shellfish by the director. The term "wildlife" includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of wildlife members.

(71) "Wildlife meat cutter" means a person who packs, cuts, processes, or stores wildlife for consumption for another for commercial purposes.

(72) "Youth" means a person fifteen years old for fishing and under sixteen years old for hunting.

(73) "Covered animal species" means any species of elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, pangolin, marine turtle, shark, or ray either: (a) Listed in appendix I or appendix II of the convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora and fauna; or (b) listed as critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable on the international union for conservation of nature and natural resources red list of threatened species.

(74) "Covered animal species part or product" means any item that contains, or is wholly or partially made from, any covered animal species.

(75) "Distribute" or "distribution" means either a change in possession for consideration or a change in legal ownership.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.15 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Except as authorized in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, it is unlawful for a person to sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute any covered animal species part or product.

(2) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section do not apply if any of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The covered animal species part or product is

part of a bona fide antique, provided the antique status of such an antique is established by the owner or seller thereof with historical documentation evidencing provenance and showing the antique to be not less than one hundred years old, and the covered animal species part or product is less than fifteen percent by volume of such an antique;

(b) The distribution of the covered animal species part or product is for a bona fide educational or scientific purpose, or to or from a museum;

(c) The distribution of the covered animal species part or product is to a legal beneficiary of an estate, trust, or other inheritance, upon the death of the owner of the covered animal species part or product;

(d) The covered animal species part or product is less than fifteen percent by volume of a musical instrument, including, without limitation, string instruments and bows, wind and percussion instruments, and pianos; or

(e) The intrastate sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribution of the covered animal species part or product is expressly authorized by federal law or permit.

(3) The prohibitions set forth in subsection (1) of this section do not apply to an employee or agent of a federal, state, or local government undertaking any law enforcement activity pursuant to federal, state, or local law or any mandatory duty required by federal, state, or local law.

(4)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the second degree if the person commits the act described in subsection (1) of this section and the violation involves covered animal species parts or products with a total market value of less than two hundred fifty dollars.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is guilty of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree if the person commits the act described by subsection (1) of this section and the violation:

(i) Involves covered animal species parts or products with a total market value of two hundred fifty dollars or more;

(ii) Occurs after entry of a prior conviction under this section; or

(iii) Occurs within five years of entry of a prior conviction for any other gross misdemeanor or felony under this chapter.

(c) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with

extinction in the second degree is a gross misdemeanor.

(d) Unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree is a class C felony.

(e) If a person commits the act described by subsection (1) of this section and such an act also would be a violation of any other criminal provision of this title, the prosecuting authority has discretion as to which crime or crimes the person is charged as long as the charges are consistent with any limitations in the state and federal Constitutions.

(5) In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (4) of this section, if a person is convicted of violating this section, the court shall require payment of a criminal wildlife penalty assessment in the amount of two thousand dollars that must be paid to the clerk of the court and distributed each month to the state treasurer for deposit in the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account created in RCW 77.15.425.

(6) If two or more people are convicted under subsection (1) of this section, the criminal wildlife penalty assessment under this section must be imposed against each person jointly and severally.

(7) The criminal wildlife penalty assessment provided in this section must be doubled if the person is convicted of unlawful trafficking in species threatened with extinction in the first degree.

(8) By January 1, 2017, and thereafter annually, the director shall provide a comprehensive report outlining current and future enforcement activities and strategies related to this act, including recommendations regarding any necessary changes, to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of representatives.

(9) The commission may adopt rules necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this act.

**Sec. 4.** RCW 77.15.085 and 2000 c 107 s 232 are each amended to read as follows:

Fish and wildlife officers and ex officio fish and wildlife officers may seize without a warrant wildlife, fish, ~~(and)~~ shellfish, and covered animal species parts and products they have probable cause to believe have been taken, transported, or possessed in violation of this title or rule of the commission or director.

**Sec. 5.** RCW 77.15.100 and 2014 c 48 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Fish, shellfish, and wildlife are property of the state under RCW 77.04.012. Fish and wildlife officers may sell seized, commercially taken or possessed fish and shellfish to a wholesale buyer and deposit the

proceeds into the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account under RCW 77.15.425. Seized, recreationally taken or possessed fish, shellfish, and wildlife may be donated to nonprofit charitable organizations. The charitable organization must qualify for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code.

(2) Fish and wildlife officers may dispose of any covered animal species part or product seized through the enforcement of section 3 of this act through a donation to a bona fide educational or scientific institution, solely for the purposes of raising awareness of the trafficking and threatened nature of endangered animals, as allowed under state, federal, and international law.

(3) Unless otherwise provided in this title, fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or any covered animal species part or product taken or possessed in violation of this title or department rule shall be forfeited to the state upon conviction or any outcome in criminal court whereby a person voluntarily enters into a disposition that continues or defers the case for dismissal upon the successful completion of specific terms or conditions. For criminal cases resulting in other types of dispositions, the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or covered animal species part or product may be returned, or its equivalent value paid, if the fish, shellfish, ~~((or))~~ wildlife, or covered animal species part or product have already been donated or sold.

**Sec. 6.** RCW 77.15.425 and 2014 c 48 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include: Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications; fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification renewals; all receipts from criminal wildlife penalty assessments under ~~((RCW 77.15.370, 77.15.400, and 77.15.420))~~ this chapter; all receipts of court-ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds from forfeitures and evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and 77.15.100. The department may accept money or personal property from persons under conditions requiring the property or money to be used consistent with the intent of expenditures from the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, to provide rewards to persons informing the department

about violations of this title and rules adopted under this title, to offset department-approved costs incurred to administer the hunter education deferral program and the master hunter permit program, and for other valid enforcement uses as determined by the commission. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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