

**FORMATTING NOTE:**

In initiatives, legislative bills and other proposed measures, language that is to be deleted from current statutes is represented by a "strikethrough" character and language that is to be added is underlined. Because these special characters cannot be formatted in all Internet browsers, a different set of symbols is used for presenting these proposals on-line. The symbols are as follows:

- Text that is surrounded by (({- text here -})) is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- Text that is surrounded by {+ text here +} is text that will be ADDED TO the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- {+ NEW SECTION+} (found at the beginning of a section or paragraph) indicates that ALL of the text in that section will become law if the proposed measure is approved.

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**INITIATIVE 731**

AN ACT Relating to the distribution of state funds; and creating a new section.

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

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. (1) Initiative Measure No. 695 was a message to the legislature by residents who wanted to rein in uncontrolled spending. Unfortunately, the legislature responded by cutting funding to vital services, including ferries and transit, adversely affecting many residents.

(2) Therefore, the legislature is directed to immediately convene and adopt a budget that reduces {+ all +} state expenditures by approx 2.5% based upon original fiscal year 1999-2001 budget. It is the intent of this initiative that no agency may be targeted for massive budget cuts.

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