

Initiative & Referenda Signature Checks:  
A Historical Perspective



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2009	I-1033 Concerns state, county and city revenue.	315,444	9,614	3.05%	8,638	970	10.09%	28	6	2.05%	12.14%	241,153	131%
	R-71 Concerns rights and responsibilities of state-registered domestic partners	137,881	137,881	100%	122,007	12,316	8.93%	3,112	2,104	1.53%	11.51%	120,577	114.35%
2008	I-1029 Concerns long-term care services.	318,047	9,706	3.05%	8,452	1,243	12.81%	36	11	6.13%	18.94%	224,880	141%
	I-1000 Concerns terminally ill adults obtaining lethal prescriptions.	317,272	9,520	3.00%	8,546	968	10.17%	41	6	2.10%	12.27%	224,880	141%
	I-985 Concerns transportation.	301,711	9,143	3.03%	7,929	1,201	13.14%	23	13	4.69%	17.83%	224,880	134%
2007	I-960 Concerns state government tax and fee increases.	314,504	9,607	3.00%	8,410	1,052	10.95%	35	14	6.13%	17.08%	224,800	140%
	R-67 Concerns the Insurance Fair Conduct Act.	156,446	4,783	3.06%	4,132	651	13.61%	13	0	0.00%	13.61%	112,440	139%
2006	I-920 Concerns estate tax.	395,219	12,059	3.00%	10,514	1,535	12.73%	91	10	2.71%	15.44%	224,880	176%

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	I-933 Concerns regulation of private property.	317,353	9,711	3.00%	8,524	1,187	12.22%	37	15	5.04%	17.26%	224,880	141%
	I-937 Concerns electric utilities energy resource use.	337,804	10,334	3.00%	9,094	1,240	12.00%	53	39	12.33%	24.33%	224,880	150%
2005	I-330 Concerns claims against healthcare services.	319,146	4,873	1.53%	4,070	801	16.44%	8	2	2.70%	19.14%	197,734	161%
	I-336 Concerns medical malpractice.	300,776	6,124	2.04%	4,911	1,205	19.68%	10	8	6.42%	26.10%	197,734	152%
	I-900 Concerns government performance audits.	311,858	9,536	3.00%	8,357	1,166	12.23%	32	13	4.46%	16.69%	224,880	139%
	I-901 Concerns amending the Clean Indoor Air Act.	321,615	9,825	3.00%	8,594	1,216	12.38%	39	15	4.99%	17.37%	224,880	143%
	I-912 Concerns motor vehicle fuel taxes.	400,996	12,224	3.00%	10,615	1,606	13.14%	94	3	0.08%	13.94%	224,880	178%
2004	I-297 Concerns "mixed" radioactive and nonradioactive hazardous waste.	280,382	8,379	2.99%	6,985	1,379	16.46%	21	18	7.19%	23.65%	197,734	142%
	R-55 Concerning charter public schools.	153,718	3,755	2.44%	3,316	439	11.69%	13	0	0.00%	11.69%	98,867	155%





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1999	I-695 Concerns \$30 license tabs.	514,141	10,030	1.95%	8,095	1,935	19.29%	72	7	3.58%	22.87%	179,248	287%
	I-696 Concerns fishing in Washington state fresh and marine waters.	234,750	15,201	6.48%	12,909	2,292	15.08%	64	24	2.44%	17.52%	179,248	131%
1998	I-688 Concerns minimum wage increases.	288,357	9,155	3.17%	7,639	1,516	16.56%	46	7	2.41%	18.97%	179,248	161%
	I-692 Concerns medical marijuana.	260,335	12,732	4.89%	9,886	2,846	22.35%	38	9	1.45%	23.80%	179,248	145%
	I-694 Concerns abortion.	216,716	20,656	9.53%	18,660	1,996	9.66%	123	17	0.86%	10.53%	179,248	121%
1997	I-678 Concerns dental hygienists.	272,764	10,926	4.01%	9,291	1,635	14.96%	66	8	1.83%	16.79%	179,248	152%
	I-677 Concerns employee discrimination.	229,793	14,075	6.13%	12,181	1,894	13.46%	55	40	4.64%	18.10%	179,248	128%
	I-676 Concerns handgun safety.	239,805	10,101	4.21%	8,671	1,430	14.16%	32	13	3.06%	17.21%	179,248	134%
	I-673 Concerns health insurance.	241,508	10,083	4.18%	8,660	1,423	14.11%	34	21	4.99%	19.10%	179,248	135%
1996	I-671 Concerns tribal/ state agreements.	290,996	14,188	4.88%	10,679	3,509	24.73%	68	13	1.88%	26.61%	181,667	160%



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1990	I-559 Concerns property value.	276,653	10,162	3.67%	8,955	1,207	11.88%	104	16	3.67%	15.55%	150,001	184%
	I-553 Concerns elected official term limits.	254,263	14,078	5.54%	12,040	2,038	14.48%	136	19	2.44%	16.91%	150,001	170%
	I-547 Concerns environmental protection goals.	229,489	23,006	10.02%	18,963	4,043	17.57%	207	100	4.34%	21.91%	150,001	153%
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2006	I-917 Concerns limiting motor vehicle charges.	266,034	266,034	100.00%	219,175	36,255	13.63%	4,498	10,604	3.98%	17.61%	224,880	118%
1992	I-582 Concerns political campaign contributions.	151,601	27,352*	18.04%	24,440	2,912	10.65%	0	287	9.01%	19.65%	150,001	101%
1990	I-534 Concerns display and distribution of sexually explicit materials to minors.	180,373	180,373	100.00%	145,412	34,961	19.38%	0	6,489	3.60%	22.98%	150,001	120%

\*Note: I-582 failed on a full signature check. However, since proponents brought in 101% of the signatures required only 27,352 signatures were reviewed before enough invalid signatures were found. Therefore, the measure was disqualified.