

# Voters' Pamphlet

## Guide to Arguments and Committees for Ballot Measures



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- 1 Argument
- 2 Committee roster
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### Deadlines

A request for argument will be sent to the appointed committee members with the Explanatory Statement, Fiscal Impact Statement (if there is one), and full text of the measure. Committees must submit their initial arguments, committee rosters, and contact information within:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiative to the People</li><li>• Referendum Measure</li></ul>	10 business days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiative to the Legislature</li><li>• Constitutional Amendment</li><li>• Referendum Bill</li></ul>	14 business days

After arguments are exchanged, committees have up to five (5) business days to submit a rebuttal.

### 1 Argument

Arguments may consist of up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as two (2) words (e.g., “pro-jobs”).

You may use up to four (4) headings, each 15 words or less. Headings are calculated as part of the total word count.

Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed. Text must be written in paragraphs. No more than four (4) paragraphs are allowed for arguments.

The body of your argument may *not* include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis. Headings will be printed in bold type.

URLs for websites, Facebook pages, blogs, etc. are not permitted in the argument or rebuttal sections; each committee may list one URL in their contact information section.

Once submitted, arguments cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) or court order.

### 2 Committee roster

The initial two (2) members of each committee are appointed by the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House. You may have up to six (6) committee members total. Submit your committee roster with your argument. Names will be printed in the order submitted on the roster.

Each committee member may use up to eight (8) words as a title or identification. Current legislators must list their titles as “State Representative” or “State Senator”. Please place other honorifics (such as “Dr.”) after the name.

*Examples:*

Warren G. Magnuson, State Representative, Democrat, Seattle  
C. Everett Koop, M.D., former United States Surgeon General  
Russell Blankenship, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington

### 3 Contact information

Each committee may submit contact information consisting of a telephone number, an email address, and a website URL for publication. This information does not count toward any word limits.

### 4 Rebuttal

After both sides submit their arguments, OSOS will give their statements to the other committee. Committees have up to five (5) business days to submit their rebuttals.

Rebuttals may consist of up to 75 words. Only one (1) paragraph is allowed with no headings.

Rebuttals may *not* include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis.

### Review

All submissions are final. Only errors made by the Office of the Secretary of State may be corrected.

### Questions?

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