

INITIATIVE 964

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 964 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to the Elliot Bay floating bridge highway option
2 for the Alaskan Way viaduct project; adding a new section to chapter
3 47.01 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state of Washington has spent a lot of
6 money and other resources investigating options that relate to
7 improving or replacing the Alaskan Way viaduct. The people have
8 clearly and consistently illustrated an ongoing and passionate desire
9 to ensure that state taxpayers are protected. The people also realize
10 that all state residents are concerned when problems arise from the use
11 of taxpayer dollars to create the best possible solution for a new
12 state route number 99 transportation system, and to evaluate its impact
13 on Interstate 5 and other users and visitors to the downtown Seattle
14 waterfront area. The people find that even if the state does not raise
15 taxes, the government will consistently receive revenue growth greater
16 than the rate of inflation every year. With this initiative, the
17 people intend to protect taxpayers by ceasing further state
18 expenditures on studies for current Alaskan Way viaduct options and
19 requiring the department of transportation to consider a third option.

1 Accordingly, the department of transportation shall review another
2 option for the Alaskan Way viaduct project, the construction of a
3 floating bridge highway across Elliot Bay.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall review a third option for the Alaskan Way
7 viaduct project, which proposes the construction of a floating bridge
8 highway across Elliot Bay approximately one mile east of the waterfront
9 extending from the northern tip of Harbor Island to the Battery Street
10 tunnel and Wall Street. The department shall also review (a) cost-
11 effective strategies that will help construct the floating highway in
12 a timely manner, including the use of medium rise openings for pleasure
13 craft, tidal ramps, and slide-in opening pontoon assemblies, and (b)
14 adequate funding sources for the construction.

15 (2) Within one year after the effective date of this act, the
16 department shall submit a report to the governor on the feasibility of
17 constructing a floating bridge highway across Elliot Bay. The
18 department shall also submit a comprehensive cost estimate review of
19 the third option to the governor within the one-year period of time.

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Illustration attached.

