

Initiative & Referenda Signature Checks:  
A Historical Perspective



Washington  
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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%
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%
	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%

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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%
	I-892 Concerns "electric scratch ticket machines" to reduce property taxes.	274,293	9,770	3.56%	7,959	1,800	18.42%	20	11	3.16%	21.58%	197,734	139%

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	I-872 Concerns elections for partisan offices.	308,402	7,678	2.49%	6,671	1,001	13.04%	31	6	3.14%	16.18%	197,734	156%
	I-884 Concerns funds for educational purposes.	321,932	6,566	2.04%	5,338	1,223	18.63%	16	5	3.73%	22.36%	197,734	163%
2003	I-841 Concerns ergonomics regulations.	258,411	12,666	4.90%	10,739	1,927	15.27%	36	30	4.83%	20.05%	197,734	131%
2002	I-776 Concerns government charges on motor vehicles.	260,898	10,124	3.88%	8,421	1,703	16.82%	17	15	3.81%	20.63%	197,734	132%
	I-790 Concerns law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement.	345,543	8,639	2.50%	6,822	1,817	21.03%	33	7	3.24%	24.27%	197,734	175%
	R-53 Concerning unemployment insurance	151,239	4,521	2.99%	3,501	1,020	22.56%	7	1	0.73%	23.29%	197,734	153%
2001	I-747 Concerns property tax increases.	290,704	9,762	3.36%	8,340	1,422	14.57%	42	9	2.75%	17.31%	197,734	147%
	I-773 Concerns tobacco taxes.	275,081	10,776	3.92%	8,772	2,004	18.60%	26	11	2.61%	21.20%	197,734	139%

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	I-775 Concerns long-term in-home care services.	304,327	7,514	2.47%	6,136	1,378	18.34%	20	4	2.16%	20.50%	197,734	154%
2000	I-713 Concerns penalties on capturing or poisoning animals.	261,268	11,645	4.46%	9,908	1,737	14.92%	66	33	6.36%	21.28%	179,248	146%
	I-722 Concerns property taxes.	272,678	9,467	3.47%	8,111	1,356	14.32%	49	15	4.56%	18.88%	179,248	152%
	I-728 Concerns class size, teacher training, and education funding.	297,199	9,813	3.30%	8,275	1,538	15.67%	60	7	2.16%	17.83%	179,248	166%
	I-729 Concerns charter public schools.	306,361	9,435	3.08%	7,621	1,814	19.23%	48	6	2.06%	21.29%	179,248	171%
	I-732 Concerns cost of living salary adjustments for teachers.	298,722	9,168	3.07%	8,233	935	10.20%	66	2	0.71%	10.91%	179,248	167%
	I-745 Concerns transportation funds.	274,490	9,661	3.52%	7,873	1,788	18.51%	39	7	2.06%	20.57%	179,248	153%
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%

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	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%
	I-670 Concerns ballot notices.	232,522	17,295	7.44%	14,528	2,767	16.00%	55	7	0.54%	16.54%	181,667	128%

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	I-655 Concerns hunting limitations.	228,148	228,148	100.00%	193,606	34,542	15.14%	11,659	11,034	4.84%	19.98%	181,667	126%
1995	I-651 Concerns tribal gambling.	267,401	16,074	6.01%	12,076	3,998	24.87%	49	25	2.59%	27.46%	181,667	147%
	I-640 Concerns fishing regulations.	258,995	18,323	7.07%	15,298	3,025	16.51%	145	40	3.09%	19.59%	181,667	143%
1994	I-607 Concerns denture sale regulations.	241,228	24,140	10.01%	21,420	2,720	11.27%	286	35	1.45%	12.72%	181,667	133%
1993	I-602 Concerns state revenue and state expenditures.	440,160	8,695	1.98%	7,585	1,110	12.77%	62	2	1.16%	13.93%	181,667	242%
	I-601 Concerns inflation and population growth.	249,707	20,707	8.29%	18,830	1,877	9.06%	276	59	3.44%	12.50%	181,667	137%
	I-593 Concerns criminal sentencing.	290,613	8,821	3.04%	8,019	802	9.09%	59	6	2.24%	11.33%	181,667	160%
1992	I-573 Concerns ballot access.	206,685	20,651	9.99%	17,411	3,240	15.69%	68	38	1.84%	17.53%	150,001	138%
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%

