

# ***Eyman sues state over I-1185 fiscal impact statement***

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*Initiative maven Tim Eyman will represent himself in a lawsuit (read the final motion [here](#)) accusing the state Office of Financial Management of misstating the cost of I-1185, his initiative requiring a two-thirds majority of the state legislature to raise taxes (and a simple majority vote of the legislature to impose or increase fees).*

*OFM has estimated that 1185 will cost between \$22.8 million and \$33.1 million in lost revenues through 2017; Eyman says it will cost the state nothing.*

*Eyman, who will make his case before King County Superior Court Judge James Dixon sometime on the morning of Friday, August 24, (jokingly) explained his legal strategy to state senior council Steve Dietrich this way: "I'm gonna get [OFM director] Marty Brown on the stand and under intense questioning, he'll break down crying and admit that the impact statement was wrong."*

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This is just silly. This year's initiative, like our previous initiatives, simply requires the legislature to follow a specific procedure to take more of the people's money. They've gotta vote on them. Taking votes is what the Legislature does in Olympia, it doesn't cost ANYTHING. And when it comes to fee increases, if the Legislature had followed the law and passed fee increases the way the voters demanded when they approved I-1053 in 2010, there would be no need for the Legislature to revote because of I-1185.

In other words, forcing them to vote doesn't cost anything and even if it did, it's their own fault for not following voters' I-1053 instructions.

So I've got 7 days left to re-watch movies like "A Few Good Men" to prepare for next Friday's hearing (will I get the chance to ask Gregoire: "Did you order the Code Red?" Will she reply "You can't handle the truth"?)

I'll let you know how well my Perry Mason impression goes next Friday.

**Jack, Mike, and I only ask for compensation after the signature drive is completed. Now that I-1185 has made it, please don't forget about us.**

Jack, Mike, and I are extremely grateful for the folks who contribute to our compensation fund. We ask that you continue that support. If you like and appreciate our past, current, and future efforts on behalf of taxpayers, please send us a donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). Please consider a monthly pledge from now through December for our fund. We ask you to please help us help taxpayers. You can go to our website -- [www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com](http://www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com) and make a secure on-line contribution by PayPal or VISA or MasterCard. OR, you can print [this form](#), fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information. Your voluntary contribution to our compensation fund will be divided between the three of us and compensate us for our political work.

Congratulations again on I-1185. As for our compensation fund, we would be extremely grateful for any financial assistance you can offer. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, & Mike Fagan

**Fighting for Taxpayers for 15 Years,**

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P.S. There are thousands of politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, and special interest groups working each and every day to raise your taxes. Shouldn't there be at least one person, one team, one organization that fights to lower your taxes? Please help us so we can continue our successful efforts on behalf of taxpayers.

*Each year, from January through June, we ask that you focus your donations toward the signature gathering campaign - this year, thanks to your help, we succeeded at qualifying I-1185 for the ballot.*

*Each year, from July through December, we ask that you focus your contributions toward "Help Us Help Taxpayers", the compensation fund for Jack, Mike, and Tim.*

*Now that I-1185 is assured a place on the November ballot, we ask that each and every one of you send in your most generous contribution so we can continue our fight on behalf of taxpayers.*