The two-thirds requirement is unconstitutional, undemocratic, and will destroy our ability to the fund core services on which we all rely

Tim Eyman, funded by big corporate interests, is back with Initiative 1185. This flawed and unconstitutional measure makes it nearly impossible to provide adequate funding for public schools and social services.

Cuts funding for vital services
Measures like 1185 may sound like a way to protect taxpayers, but Colorado passed a similar measure with disastrous results. It cut off funding for schools, roads, and immunizations for kids, and caused so many problems that Colorado’s Republican Governor proposed a measure to suspend it, which voters passed.

1185 rewards special interests
Public Disclosure Commission reports show most of the million dollars plus spent to put 1185 on the ballot came from big oil companies, beer companies, and other Olympia special interests. These corporations want to rig the rules to prevent having to pay their fair share.

1185 blocks closing tax loopholes
Eyman’s initiative is so poorly written that under 1185 it only takes a majority vote to give corporations a special tax loophole – but then requires a two-thirds vote to eliminate that same loophole. That’s wrong.

1185 is unconstitutional
A respected judge recently ruled the core provision of 1185 is unconstitutional. Why? Our constitution plainly states that legislation passes with a majority vote. Other states with a two-thirds rule did it by amending their constitutions, but Eyman has refused to propose a constitutional amendment.

1185 is opposed by leaders and organizations we trust
The two-thirds requirement is opposed by progressive Democratic leaders and respected organizations across Washington state, including Congressman Jay Inslee, the Washington Education Association, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and many other organizations. They know defeating 1185 is essential for building a strong economy, meeting our constitutional requirement to fully fund our schools, and protecting our quality of life.

Community leaders across Washington oppose 1185 because it is designed to block efforts to make the wealthy and powerful pay their share. Vote NO on 1185.