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Dear Lawmakers,

The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce would like to echo the comments made by the Washington Policy Center and many other organizations in a recent letter:

"As you begin your work on the people's behalf, our hope is that you will ensure that the legislative process remains open and transparent so the public can be meaningfully involved. Among the legislative transparency reforms that you should consider is a proposal by the Washington Policy Center that would:

- Provide mandatory public notice and waiting periods before legislative action;
- Ban title only bills; and
- Subject the legislature to the same transparency requirements that are placed on local governments.

We've seen all too often the problems that occur when the public is cut out of the legislative debate. Please give your support to these transparency protections so the people have a real opportunity to participate in the 2013 Session."

Sincerely,

Josh Stendera

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