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Two Environmental Impact Report Initiatives Enter Circulation

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the proponent of two new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for his measures.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then provides calendar deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the first measure is as follows:

PRECLUDES ANYONE OTHER THAN STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM BRINGING A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING SUFFICIENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Changes California law to preclude any person, city, county, or other entity, other than the state Attorney General, from bringing a lawsuit that alleges that an environmental impact report does not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act because it fails to identify ways to minimize significant environmental effects, fails to offer alternatives to the proposed project, or fails to satisfy other legal requirements. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential additional net costs for DOJ from increased CEQA litigation workload, likely not more than the low millions of dollars annually. Potentially significant savings or costs for state and local government litigation defense in CEQA cases. Unknown, but likely positive, net impact on state and local government revenues from increased economic activity. Unknown fiscal effect, if any, on state and local government costs to mitigate environmental effects of projects.** (10-0008.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1464 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 10-0008.

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The Attorney General's official title and summary for the second measure is as follows:

PRECLUDES ANYONE OTHER THAN STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM BRINGING A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING SUFFICIENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Changes California law to preclude any person, city, county, or other entity, other than the state Attorney General, from bringing a lawsuit that alleges that an environmental impact report does not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act because it fails to identify ways to minimize significant environmental effects, fails to offer alternatives to the proposed project, or fails to satisfy other legal requirements. Applies retroactively to currently pending actions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **Potential additional net costs for DOJ from increased CEQA litigation workload, likely not more than the low millions of dollars annually. Potentially significant savings or costs for state and local government litigation defense in CEQA cases. Unknown, but likely positive, net impact on state and local government revenues from increased economic activity. Unknown fiscal effect, if any, on state and local government costs to mitigate environmental effects of projects.** (10-0009.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1465 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 10-0009.

The proponent for these measures, Timothy L. Strader, Sr., must collect signatures of 433,971 registered voters – the number equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2006 gubernatorial election – for each measure in order to qualify it for the ballot. The proponent has 150 days to circulate petitions for these measures, meaning the signatures must be collected by August 23, 2010.

The initiative proponent can be reached at (949) 622-0420.

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