

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Rescinds religious tax exemptions for religious organizations that interfere with legal proceedings by not complying with court orders, concealing or failing to report criminal activity, promoting false testimony, or using intimidation to prevent others from taking legal action against them. Rescinds religious tax exemptions for religious organizations that lobby government or that are associated with terrorist groups. Prohibits such religious organizations, and religious organizations that commit or are involved in other crimes, from asserting ecclesiastical privilege and/or the rights of free speech and freedom of religion as defenses to liability in legal proceedings. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: **If implemented, possible minor increase in state or local government revenues if any entities are found to violate the measure's provisions and a possible minor increase in state or local government costs to investigate claims arising under the measure.**

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