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Initiative No. 07-0063

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

PROHIBITION ON REQUIRED OR COERCED STERILIZATION OF ANIMALS OR HUMANS. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Prohibits enactment or enforcement of any law requiring or coercing by any means, including financial penalty, sexual sterilization of any human or animal. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Short-term savings to local governments because of the elimination of spay and neuter enforcement and surgery costs, offset in the long-term by unknown, but potentially significant, increased costs to operate shelters and provide animal control services to an increased dog and cat population. Unknown, but potentially significant loss of local government animal control revenue, because jurisdictions will no longer be able to charge a higher license or adoption fee for unaltered animals than for animals that are spayed or neutered. Potential avoidance of state costs of a few tens of thousands of dollars annually associated with the prohibition of chemical castration of certain prisoners upon their parole. (Initiative 07-0063.)