

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

**AUTHORIZES STATE REGULATION OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS.**

**ESTABLISHES MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITS CHARGES FOR PATIENT CARE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Establishes minimum staffing

requirements for nurses, technicians, and other staff at outpatient kidney dialysis clinics and sets minimum transition time between patients. Limits amounts clinics may charge for patient care and imposes penalties for excessive charges. Requires annual inspections and reporting to the state regarding clinic costs, patient charges, revenue, staffing ratios, and transition times between patients. Authorizes investigations and imposes fines for violations. Prohibits clinics from discriminating against patients based on the source of payment for care. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

**State administrative costs of around \$10 million annually to be covered by increases in license fees on chronic dialysis clinics. State and local government savings associated with reduced government employee and retiree health benefits spending on dialysis treatment, potentially up to tens of millions of dollars annually. Net state government costs for Medi-Cal, potentially in the low tens of millions of dollars annually in the long run.**

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