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Initiative 20-0004

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

**LIMITS STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS' AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC**

**HEALTH EMERGENCIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Prohibits state and local officials

from issuing enforceable orders, regulations, or ordinances to address public health emergencies

(resulting from epidemics, infectious disease outbreaks, and similar conditions), or otherwise

taking any actions in response to health emergencies that directly affect the operation of private

businesses or public facilities (including beaches and parks), or that limit the exercise of

individual liberties. Continues to permit state and local officials to issue public health advisories

or public service announcements during public health emergencies. Summary of estimate by

Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments:

**Unknown, but potentially significant, fiscal effect due to the state and local governments**

**being restricted in responding to public health emergencies. (20-0004.)**