

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

REQUIRES THE STATE—RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS—TO PAY FOR COURT-ORDERED SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY), IF LEGISLATURE PROVIDES

SUFFICIENT FUNDING. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Under current law governing divorce, dissolution, legal separation, and child custody proceedings, a court may order one spouse to pay spousal support (alimony) to the other spouse. This measure would instead require the State of California to make court-ordered spousal support payments to the supported spouse, through a fund administered by the California Department of Social Services, provided that the Legislature separately allocates sufficient funding to implement this measure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **No fiscal effect if the Legislature does not provide sufficient funding to implement the measure.** This is because the measure specifies it will not go into effect if sufficient funding is not provided. Increased state costs to make and administer spousal support payments that could be at least a couple billion dollars annually, as well as an unknown net effect on state court costs related to future divorce and legal separation proceedings, if the Legislature provides sufficient funding to implement the measure as required. (22-0004.)