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

BANS ACTIVITIES DEFINED AS “HUMAN CLONING.” CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Amends constitution to ban activities related to “human cloning,” defined as: “human asexual reproduction, accomplished by introducing the genetic material from one or more human somatic cells into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has been or will be removed or inactivated, so as to produce an organism, at any stage of development with a human or predominantly human genetic constitution.” Subjects violators to 15 or 25 year prison terms without possibility of parole, fines of at least \$250,000, and permanent medical license revocation . Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential state savings up to the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades resulting from reduced principal and interest costs for bonds to fund embryonic research. Unknown potential loss of state and local revenue gains and cost savings due to reduced research funding for embryonic research. (Initiative 08-0005.)