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Initiative 10-0009

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

**PRECLUDES ANYONE OTHER THAN STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM BRINGING A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING SUFFICIENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Changes California law to preclude any

person, city, county, or other entity, other than the state Attorney General, from bringing a lawsuit that alleges that an environmental impact report does not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act because it fails to identify ways to minimize significant environmental effects, fails to offer alternatives to the proposed project, or fails to satisfy other legal requirements. Applies retroactively to currently pending actions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government:

**Potential additional net costs for DOJ from increased CEQA litigation workload, likely not more than the low millions of dollars annually. Potentially significant savings or costs for state and local government litigation defense in CEQA cases. Unknown, but likely positive, net impact on state and local government revenues from increased economic activity.**

**Unknown fiscal effect, if any, on state and local government costs to mitigate environmental effects of projects. (10-0009.)**