



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors General Government Committee

From: County Counsel

Meeting Date: October 21, 2019

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Time Allocated for Item: 1 hr.

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Direction to Staff on the Consideration of a Policy Requiring a Fiscal Analysis of Future Initiatives to be Disclosed to Voters Prior to Being Placed on the Ballot

Recommendation:

Provide direction to staff on the consideration of a policy requiring a fiscal analysis of future initiatives to be disclosed to voters prior to being placed on the ballot.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On October 1, 2019, the Board of Supervisors referred a matter to the Government Committee for consideration of a policy requiring fiscal analysis of future initiative and disclosing that information to voters prior to the initiative being placed on the ballot.

Summary of Referral:

State law allows for citizens' initiatives to be placed on the ballot for adoption, should they garner sufficient petition signatures from voters within the jurisdiction. As part of that process, Elections Code section 9111 provides that the Board of Supervisors may refer the initiative to one or more county departments in order to analyze various factors, including its fiscal impact. At its meeting on October 1, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed the Government Committee to consider a possible policy of directing fiscal analysis of all future initiatives.

Per statute, such analysis could be directed either during the circulation of the petition or after the signatures have been certified. The analysis, however, must be completed and presented to the Board no later than thirty (30) days after the sufficiency of a petition has been certified.

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A
current f/y cost: N/A
annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A
if no, please describe:

budget clarification: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments: