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MEMORANDUM

TO: Megan Augustine and Wendy Augustine
FROM: Legislative Council Staff and Office of Legislative Legal Services
DATE: March 27, 2020
SUBJECT: Proposed initiative measure 2019-2020 #302, concerning Minimum Age for Workers at Certain Entertainment Establishments

Section 1-40-105 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, requires the directors of the Colorado Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services to "review and comment" on initiative petitions for proposed laws and amendments to the Colorado constitution. We hereby submit our comments to you regarding the appended proposed initiative.

The purpose of this statutory requirement of the directors of Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services is to provide comments intended to aid proponents in determining the language of their proposal and to avail the public of knowledge of the contents of the proposal. Our first objective is to be sure we understand your intent and your objective in proposing the amendment. We hope that the statements and questions contained in this memorandum will provide a basis for discussion and understanding of the proposal.

Purposes

The major purpose of the proposed initiative appears to be to require sexually-oriented businesses to only employ persons who are twenty-one years of age or older.

Substantive Comments and Questions

The substance of the proposed initiative raises the following comments and questions:

1. Article V, section 1 (5) of the Colorado constitution and section 1-40-102 of the Colorado Revised Statutes require the proponents to submit for review and comment the full text of the measure being proposed, which, if passed, becomes the actual language of the constitution or statutes. The proponents have submitted an idea, rather than the actual language that would be added to the Colorado constitution or Colorado Revised Statutes. Please amend your proposal to include the actual text of your proposed constitutional or statutory change.
2. Under article V, section 1 (2) of the Colorado constitution, proposed initiatives amend either the Colorado constitution or state law (i.e., the Colorado Revised Statutes). Does the proposed initiative seek to amend the Colorado constitution or the Colorado Revised Statutes? The Colorado constitution or the Colorado Revised Statutes are accessible from the General Assembly's website, here: <http://leg.colorado.gov/laws>.
3. Article V, section 1 (8) of the Colorado constitution requires that the following enacting clause be the style for all laws adopted by the initiative: "Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:". To comply with this constitutional requirement, this phrase should be added to the beginning of the proposed initiative.
4. Article V, section 1 (5.5) of the Colorado constitution requires all proposed initiatives to have a single subject. What is the single subject of the proposed initiative?
5. What will be the effective date of the proposed initiative?
6. Under section 1-40-105.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, the director of research of the Legislative Council is required to prepare an initial fiscal impact statement, which includes an abstract that appears on petition sections, for each initiative that is submitted to the Title Board. In preparing the statement, the director is required to consider any fiscal impact estimate prepared by the proponents.
 - a. Will you submit the initiative to the Title Board? If so, when do you intend to do so?
 - b. Are you submitting a fiscal impact estimate today? If not, do you plan to submit an estimate in the future, and if so, when do you intend to do so?
 - c. To ensure that there is time for consideration, you are strongly encouraged to submit your estimate, if any, at least twelve days before

the measure is scheduled for a Title Board hearing. The estimate should be submitted to the Legislative Council staff at BallotImpactEstimates.ga@state.co.us.

Technical Comments

The following comments address technical issues raised by the form of the proposed initiative. These comments will be read aloud at the public meeting only if the proponents so request. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about these comments at the review and comment meeting. Please consider revising the proposed initiative as suggested below.

1. Before the amending clause, number each section, part, etc. that is being amended or added with a section number (e.g., SECTION 1., SECTION 2.). For example:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** section __ as follows:

2. Each constitutional and statutory section being amended, repealed, or added is preceded by a separate amending clause explaining how the law is being changed. For example, "In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** section __ as follows:".
3. It is standard drafting practice to use SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS, rather than ALL CAPS, to show the language being added to and ~~stricken~~ type to show language being removed from the Colorado constitution or the Colorado Revised Statutes.
4. Although the text of added language should be in small capital letters, use an uppercase letter to indicate capitalization where appropriate. The following should be capitalized:
 - a. The first letter of the first word of each sentence;
 - b. The first letter of the first word of each entry of an enumeration paragraphed after a colon; and
 - c. The first letter of proper names.