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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Caldara and Vanessa Rutledge
FROM: Legislative Council Staff and Office of Legislative Legal Services
DATE: February 16, 2024
SUBJECT: Proposed initiative measure 2023-2024 #179, concerning a State Income Tax Rate Reduction

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.

This initiative was submitted with a series of initiatives including proposed initiatives 2023-2024 #176 to 178 and 180 to 181. The comments and questions raised in this memorandum will not include comments and questions that were addressed in the memoranda for proposed initiatives 2023-2024 #176 to 178 and 180 to 181, except as necessary to fully understand the issues raised by this proposed initiative. Comments and questions addressed in those other memoranda may also be relevant, and those questions and comments are hereby incorporated by reference in this memorandum. Only new comments and questions are included in this memorandum.

Purposes

The major purpose of the proposed amendment to the **Colorado Revised Statutes** appears to be:

1. To reduce both the individual and the corporate state income tax rates from 4.40% to 4.00%.

Substantive Comments and Questions

No new substantive comments or questions were raised by this proposed initiative.

Technical Comments

No new technical comments were raised by this proposed initiative.