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Re: **Proposed initiative measure concerning the Fundamental Rights of Parents.**

The Parent Right in Education

Concerning parental rights in education

Citizens' initiative: 2023

SUBJECT: PARENT'S RIGHT AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY

For Education years commencing on January 1, 2024, the ballot initiative amends the compulsory education section, and establishes parental rights in education. The Amendment requires that the government cooperate with the parents or legal guardian when making decisions and prohibits the government from usurping the parents absolute right in rearing their children as they see fit; in short it establishes a fundamental right in the education of their children to decide all matters of school of choice that best fits their child(ren)'s needs.

Article II. Section 3. Bill of Rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, AMENDS THE COLO. CONST. ART.

II, BILL OF RIGHTS. AN AMENDMENT ADDING THE following language to this section:

1. **AMEND ARTICLE II. SECTION 3. INALIENABLE RIGHTS.** Amend this section as follows: All persons have certain natural, essential, and inalienable

rights THAT ARE CREATED BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT WAS CREATED, ARE ABSOLUTE RIGHTS, AND GOD-GIVEN, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of PARENTING, acquiring and possessing and protecting property AND CHILDREN; and of seeking and obtaining their OWN AND OF THEIR FAMILY safety and happiness.