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If this measure limits the ability to raise funds to support or oppose measures, it would be improved by reducing the measure argument fee in the statewide voter handbook.

The current \$2,500 fee is prohibitive for community groups and grassroots organizing. For example, the Libertarian Party has meager resources and has to raise funds for its party statement and presidential candidate statement - adding a \$2,500 fee to the fundraising burden to make a party statement on the ballot measures is prohibitive.

Tax measures, especially, disproportionately attract measure arguments from constituencies that benefit from the measure, yet opponents who cannot afford to pay the proposed tax can also not afford to pay for measure arguments.