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Bill Title: Proposing an amendment to the Oregon Constitution relating to the identifiability of law enforcement officers.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Secretary of State, County Clerks

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Because the measure is referred to voters at the next regular general election, the fiscal impact will be determined by a financial estimate committee created for each state measure submitted to the ballot through the initiative and referendum process - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure refers to voters an amendment to Article I of the Oregon Constitution, which states that the people of Oregon have a right to be free from enforcement of the law by secret police.

Fiscal Analysis

Because the measure is referred to voters at the next regular general election, the fiscal impact on the Secretary of State's office is the state's portion of incremental costs incurred for an already-funded election. The Secretary of State prepares and distributes the voters' pamphlet and collects a filing fee for each argument submitted in support or opposition of a ballot measure. Typically, these filing fees cover less than half the cost of producing and mailing the voters' pamphlet. The remaining costs are paid by the General Fund. The fiscal impact on the Secretary of State is currently indeterminate because the cost of producing and distributing the voters' pamphlet is determined by the total number of initiatives and legislative referrals on the ballot, and number of arguments submitted in support or opposition of these ballot measures. This information will not be known until after election filing deadlines. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes that the Secretary will seek General Fund support from the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly if the actual voters' pamphlet costs exceed currently budgeted election expenditures.

Under procedures established in ORS 250.125 and 250.127, a financial estimate committee is created for each state measure submitted to the ballot through the initiative and referendum processes. For this reason, LFO does not include an estimate of the fiscal impact that would result if this joint resolution were adopted in an election.

Relevant Dates

The amendment is to be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held in the state.