THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



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June 28, 2002

The Honorable Katherine Harris Secretary of State The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Ms. Harris:

In compliance with section Chapter 2002-390, Laws of Florida, the Revenue Estimating Conference met on June 27, 2002 to complete the fiscal impact statement for the five initiative petitions presented to us by your office. In the case of four of the five petitions we reached a unanimous decision, and in the case of the petition to limit class size, three of the four members of the Revenue Estimating concurred in the statement with Mr. Montanaro voting in the negative. Thus, in all five cases, the Revenue Estimating Conference reached at least the minimum level of consensus required by law to provide fiscal impact statements for inclusion on the ballot. Our statements are presented on the attached page and comply with the fifty-word restriction provided by statute. We believe this submission concludes our responsibility with respect to the five initiative petitions presented to us.

Sincerely,

Don Langston

Office of the Governor

David Coburn

Florida House of Representatives

Edward Montanaro

Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Alan Johansen

Florida Senate

Fiscal Impact Statements

June 27, 2002 Revenue Estimating Conference

Animal Cruelty Amendment (16 Words)

There is no anticipated significant fiscal impact for state or local governments resulting from the proposed initiative.

Local Trustees and Statewide Governing Board Amendment (15 Words)

The fiscal impact of this measure, if any, cannot be reasonably determined at this time.

Right to Treatment and Rehabilitation Amendment (41 Words)

The net effect of this amendment on state and local government costs is indeterminate.

Unknown costs are associated with the right to elect appropriate treatment. Unknown savings are associated with diversion from the criminal justice system and rehabilitation of drug users.

Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education Amendment (38 words)

The estimated annual cost to the state is between \$425 million and \$650 million in today's dollars, depending on the extent to which funding for existing school readiness programs for 4-year-olds is used to reduce the cost of the new program.

Reduce Class Size (45 Words)

The state will incur costs as the amendment is phased in. Estimated cumulative costs through 2010 range from \$20.0 billion to \$27.5 billion, depending on how classrooms are built. Once fully implemented, each year's operating costs are estimated to be \$2.5 billion in today's dollars.

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