

Attorney General of Missouri Andrew Bailey

July 28, 2023

OPINION LETTER NO. 304-2023

The Honorable Scott Fitzpatrick Missouri State Auditor State Capitol, Room 229 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Fitzpatrick:

This office received your letter of July 18, 2023, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Jimmie Edwards, 2024-114. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

The Attorney General estimates increased litigation costs of up to \$7.5 million. Other state and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Please consider this letter to constitute the notice required of the Missouri Attorney General under Section 116.175.4, RSMo, as to the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW BAILEY Attorney General