

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI ANDREW BAILEY

October 10, 2023

OPINION LETTER NO. 363-2023

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

Dear Auditor Fitzpatrick:

This office received your letter of October 3, 2023, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Greta Bax, 2024-141. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

The Attorney General estimates increased legal costs of at least \$9 million. Other state governmental entities estimate costs of at least \$19,000 beginning in the first full year of implementation and annual revenue of \$629,000. Local governmental entities estimate annual revenue of at least \$150,000 and annual costs of at least \$60,000.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents. Furthermore, our review under § 116.175.4 does not examine the fairness or sufficiency of the estimated fiscal impact.

Very truly yours,

ANDREW BAILEY Attorney General

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