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Initiative No. 07-0015

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, REGULATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state and local governments from condemning or damaging private property for private uses. Prohibits rent control and similar measures.

Prohibits deference to government in property rights cases. Defines “just compensation.”

Requires an award of attorneys fees and costs if a property owner obtains a judgment for more than the amount offered by the government. Requires government to offer to original owner of condemned property the right to repurchase property at condemned price when property is put to substantially different use than was publicly stated. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Increased costs to many governments due to the measure’s restrictions. The fiscal effect on most governments probably would not be significant. (Initiative 07-0015.)