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Initiative No.: 08-0002
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The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

BANS ABORTION OF VIABLE FETUS UNLESS NECESSARY TO SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE. DECLARES GOD CREATOR OF LIFE. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Amends Constitution to: (1) create presumption that a fetus becomes viable at 24 weeks; (2) define fetal viability to include the use of life support; (3) ban abortion of a viable fetus except where necessary to save mother's life; and (4) give viable fetuses rights to life and medical care. Provides abortion after 24 weeks is murder unless necessary to save mother's life. Requires taxpayers pay all legal costs proponent incurs fighting challenges to initiative.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Potential costs to state and local governments not likely to exceed \$20 million annually after a few years for public benefit programs, legal proceedings, and incarceration. (Initiative 08-0002.)