

***State Government***

***HB 1008***

***Brief Description:*** *Reviewing initiative measures for fiscal impact.*

***Sponsors:*** *Representatives Morris, H. Sommers, Linville, D. Schmidt, McIntire, Rockefeller and Edmonds.*

***Brief Summary of Bill***

- *The Office of Financial Management prepares a fiscal analysis on the effects of each state initiative or referendum measure on taxes or fees. The analysis is included in the state voters' pamphlet.*

***Hearing Date:*** *1/29/01*

***Staff:*** *Steve Lundin (786-7127).*

***Background:***

*The state constitution vests the legislative power of the state in the State Legislature, but grants state voters initiative and referendum on state legislation. The Secretary of State prepares a state voters' pamphlet that, among other subjects, includes information on any state initiative or referendum measure submitted to voters.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*The Office of Financial Management (OFM) determines if any state initiative or referendum measure affects a tax or fee by: (1) Amending, repealing, or restricting the collection of an existing tax or fee used to fund general governmental purposes; (2) increasing or reducing the percentage rate or amount of such a tax or fee; or (3) creates, extends, or eliminates an exemption to such a tax or fee. The analysis must be sent to the*

*petitioner within seven working days upon receipt of the measure.*

*This fiscal analysis is included, with the initiative or referendum, in the state voters' pamphlet.*

***Rulemaking Authority:*** *No express authority.*

***Effective Date:*** *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*

***Appropriation:*** *None.*

***Fiscal Note:*** *Not Requested.*