

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

REQUIRES STATE REGULATIONS TO REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE, TAX

PRODUCERS OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS, AND FUND RECYCLING AND

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires CalRecycle to

adopt regulations reducing plastic waste, including to: (1) require that single-use plastic packaging, containers, and utensils be reusable, recyclable, or compostable, and to reduce such waste by 25%, by 2030; (2) prohibit polystyrene container use by food vendors; and (3) tax producers of single-use plastic packaging, containers, or utensils by January 1, 2022, and allocate revenues for recycling and environmental programs, including local water supply protection.

Prohibits Legislature from reducing funding to specified state environmental agencies below 2019 levels. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **State revenue from new tax on single-use plastic**

packaging and foodware likely in the range of a few billion dollars annually. Revenues would be used to administer and implement programs intended to reduce waste, increase recycling, and restore habitats. Unknown net effect on local governments. There would likely be increased costs for waste collecting and sorting which might be partially or fully offset by new tax revenue, payments from producers to support recycling, or lower costs associated with a reduction in total plastic waste collected. (19-0028A1.)