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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate and House, Statewide Elected Officials, Interested Citizens and Interest Groups

FROM: Kristin Ford, Division Manager, Research and Legislation

DATE: April 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposed Constitutional Amendment – your suggestions regarding arguments for and against SJR 102

SJR 102, which proposes an amendment to section 8, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, was adopted by the House and Senate in 2021 and will appear on the November 2022 ballot for approval by the citizens of Idaho.

Idaho Code 67-453 requires the Legislative Council to prepare a "brief statement setting forth in simple, understandable language the meaning and purpose of the proposed amendment" as well as a "concise presentation of the major arguments advanced by the proponents and opponents." Only the brief statement of meaning will appear on the November ballot, while both the brief statement as well as the arguments for and against will be included in the publications that the Secretary of State is required to publish prior to the election. The Legislative Council is required to submit these statements and arguments to the Secretary of State 120 days prior to the election, which is in early July 2022.

On behalf of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Services Office is inviting your suggestions on arguments for or against SJR 102, which will submit the following question to voters on the November ballot:

"Shall Section 8, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide that the Legislature must convene in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and in special session by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than fifteen days following the receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership of each house specifying subjects to be considered, and to provide that the Legislature shall have no power in such a special session to consider or pass any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session?"

By law, if any of these suggestions are utilized by the Legislative Council, no recognition can be given to the persons or groups that submitted the argument. Please send your suggestions in writing (e-mail is fine) to me no later than May 13, 2022. My email is kford@lso.idaho.gov.

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