

Information About Beers' Deceptive Ballot Proposal

Bob Beers, candidate for governor, is promoting a constitutional amendment that is designed to sound appealing, but would be extremely harmful for our state. The measure purports to simply put limits on tax revenues and government spending in Nevada – but in fact the proposal is seriously flawed and could lead to severe reductions in vital public services like education, transportation, healthcare and fire and police protection.

Beers' proposal is deeply flawed.

Beers' proposal is long, complicated and poorly written. The fine print of the measure contains a number of flagrant drafting errors and hidden provisions with harmful effects. Here are just a few examples:

- The proposal contains a hidden provision that would change the constitution to create a whole new approach to counting votes only on the types of ballot questions required under this measure – changing skipped ballot questions to “no” votes.
- Beers' proposal would place new and dangerous restrictions on the state's ability to dispatch emergency funds in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.
- The proposal would require hundreds of costly local elections for votes on everyday government activities like leasing a truck!

Flaws and ambiguities in Beers' proposal will lead to a rash of lawsuits, tying up the state in years of litigation that will be costly for taxpayers. One specific flaw would give non-Nevada residents the right to sue to “enforce” the proposal.

Beers' Proposal could lead to severe reductions in vital services.

Beers' proposal locks into our state constitution severe limits on state and local spending on public services that could lead to harmful reductions in vital services such as education, fire and police protection, healthcare and transportation. The proposal is a clear step in the wrong direction for our schools. Right now, our education system needs help, but this measure would prevent adequate school funding for more classrooms and teachers to keep up with growth.

And the measure would hurt healthcare services. Beers' spending limit is pegged to the Consumer Price Index, but healthcare costs are currently growing much faster than overall inflation. As healthcare costs continue to rise, severe reductions in healthcare services—including vital services for our seniors – would be required under Beers' proposal.

Join the growing number of Nevadans who oppose Beers' Proposal.

Beers' proposal is already opposed by a growing list of groups including Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada, the Police Protective Association and the Nevada State Education Association.

Beers' political group is now circulating petitions to put his proposal on the ballot. You can help stop this deceptive proposal by encouraging your friends and neighbors to look into the facts putting their names on the proposal – and by joining the growing number of Nevadans who have signed up to publicly oppose the measure.