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Chair Holvey and Members of the House Rules Committee,

The Secretary of State does not have a position on HB 3348 but would like to express concern over setting a precedent of requiring the Secretary of State's office to add specific statements that could be construed as value statements to measures in the voters' pamphlet.

The statement that points out a lack of funding source, required to be filed by the financial estimate committee in this bill does not overtly imply support or opposition to a measure, however it could be interpreted as such. As shepherds of the elections process, we do not want embedded in the system anything that could be perceived as favorable to one side or another. These are arguments that should be made by the proponents and opponents.

Sincerely,

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