



Initiative 144

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Fiscal Summary

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This fiscal summary, prepared by the nonpartisan Director of Research of the Legislative Council, contains a preliminary assessment of the measure's fiscal impact. A full fiscal impact statement for this initiative is or will be available at leg.colorado.gov/bluebook. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State spending. By changing the scope of practice for veterinarians to allow for telehealth delivery, the measure will minimally increase workload and expenditures in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to update rules and conduct outreach and education. There may be additional state expenditures to the extent licensed veterinarians do not comply with the provisions of the measure and disciplinary actions are taken.

Economic impacts. The measure may shift where veterinary services are provided in some cases. However, any overall impact to the state economy is expected to be minimal.