



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 276 – PLAIN LANGUAGE BALLOT QUESTIONS

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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 Expenditures

The measure requires all ballot questions to be in plain language and at written at no more than an eighth-grade reading level, and prohibits state statute from specifying language within the ballot question for a citizen initiative. There may be increased workload for the Title Board in the Department of State, the Colorado Judicial Department, or the General Assembly to make determinations on the standards for plain language and what constitutes an eighth-grade reading level.

Economic Impacts

While this measure may impact how future ballot questions are presented to voters, the initiative itself is not expected to have a direct economic impact on the state.