



Fiscal Impact Statement

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INITIATIVE 283: REPEAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION

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Summary Information

Overview. The measure repeals the right to abortion in the state constitution.

Types of impacts. The measure is projected to affect the following areas:

- Minimal State Workload

Disclaimer. This initial fiscal impact statement has been prepared for an initiative approved for petition circulation by the Secretary of State. If the initiative is placed on the ballot, Legislative Council Staff may revise this estimate for the ballot information booklet (Blue Book) if new information becomes available. Any appropriations required to implement this measure will be addressed through the annual or supplemental budget process if this measure is approved by voters.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Measure

The measure repeals the right to abortion in the state constitution.

Background and Assumptions

Amendment 79, passed in the 2024 general election, made abortion a constitutional right in Colorado, prohibited discrimination against that right, and repealed a Colorado constitutional prohibition on the use of public funds for abortion services. After the passage of Amendment 79, the General Assembly passed [Senate Bill 25-183](#), which made conforming amendments to statute to effectuate Amendment 79. The bill also required the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to cover abortion care services for Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus program participants using state funds, and for public employee insurance plans to cover abortion care services for plan members.

This analysis assumes that the measure does not affect any changes to state expenditures made by SB 25-183, since it repeals a section of the state constitution but not the statutory provisions created by subsequent legislation. In addition, [House Bill 22-1279](#) codified various rights regarding reproductive health into state statute, which will also remain in effect if this measure is enacted.

State and Local Expenditures

State and local health agencies may have an increase in workload to update published guidance for abortion services if the state constitutional right is mentioned.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2026 general election, this measure takes effect December 25, 2026.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Personnel

Judicial

Public Health and Environment

Law

Regulatory Agencies