



Fiscal Impact Statement

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INITIATIVE 289: IMMIGRATION TO COLORADO

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Summary Information

Overview. The measure establishes a constitutional right to live and work in Colorado without being subject to discrimination based on immigration status.

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

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

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 establishes a constitutional right that anyone can enter Colorado and remain in the state indefinitely without a visa. The measure establishes that no one may be denied a job or otherwise discriminated against because of their citizenship or visa status.

State Expenditures

The measure has no immediate impact on state expenditures, but may increase legal expenses for various state agencies to ensure compliance. Depending on how the measure is interpreted by the courts and its interaction with federal law, additional costs may be associated with managing immigration status information collected by the state.

Local Government

Similar to the state, the measure has no immediate impact on local government expenditures, but may increase legal expenses for various local agencies to ensure compliance.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2026 general election, this measure takes effect on January 14, 2027.

State and Local Government Contacts

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