



## Fiscal Impact Statement

### Legislative Council Staff

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## INITIATIVE 292: COLORADO PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The measure amends the Colorado Constitution to allow the Governor to establish treaties, withdraw from treaties, and nominate ambassadors or other diplomatic officials.

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

- Minimal State Expenditures

**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.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

<b>Type of Impact</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2027-28</b>
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

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The measure amends the Colorado constitution to allow the Governor to establish or withdraw from treaties with other nations, and to nominate ambassadors and other diplomatic officials. The state legislature may approve or reject treaties or diplomatic appointments using the regular legislative process.

## State Expenditures

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The measure may increase state expenditures to appoint ambassadors and have Colorado represented at certain international functions. Because the U.S. Constitution prohibits states from entering treaties or entering agreements or compacts with foreign powers without congressional consent, the measure may also increase legal expenses to contest any action taken against the state. This fiscal impact statement assumes the state will comply with federal laws and regulations, and that any impact to state expenditures will be minimal.

## Effective Date

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

## State and Local Government Contacts

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