



Fiscal Impact Statement

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INITIATIVE 298: REPLACING FEDERAL IN COLORADO LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

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Summary Information

Overview. The measure replaces references to "federal" with "Colorado" in the Colorado Revised Statutes.

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 replaces references to “federal” with “Colorado” in the Colorado Revised Statutes, except for laws passed after the enactment of the measure. It also replaces certain references of “federal” with “Colorado” in a section of the Colorado Constitution on TABOR spending limits.

State Expenditures

The measure increases state expenditures for the Legislative Department to replace references to “federal” with “Colorado” in the Colorado Revised Statutes. This increase is absorbable with existing resources.

The measure also increases state expenditures to implement and enforce new laws and regulations that were previously the responsibility of the federal government.

Local Government

The measure may impact local governments that have contracts with or obligations to any United States government entity.

Effective Date

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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