



Fiscal Impact Statement

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INITIATIVE 296: REPLACING UNITED STATES IN COLORADO CONSTITUTION

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Summary Information

Overview. The measure replaces references to "the United States" with "Colorado" in certain sections of the Colorado constitution.

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 “the United States” with “Colorado” in certain sections of the Colorado constitution.

State Expenditures

The measure may increase costs for the state to assume responsibilities that were previously under federal jurisdiction, and may increase costs related to legal challenges and court cases seeking to clarify implementation of the measure.

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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