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Initiative # 297

INITIAL FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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LCS TITLE: PROHIBIT RESTRICTIONS ON THE UTILIZATION OF NATURAL GAS

***Disclaimer.** This initial fiscal impact statement has been prepared for the Title Board. 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.*

Summary of Measure

The measure establishes in the state constitution that no state law or local government may restrict the installation of natural gas utilization in homes and businesses for cooking, hot water systems, generators, and heating systems in new construction or renovation, or otherwise limit the use or installation of natural gas, except for safety purposes. The measure supersedes any conflicting statute or regulation.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The measure concerns appliances and equipment that can be installed in homes and businesses, and precludes government from prohibiting certain infrastructure in future construction and renovations. This is not anticipated to impact state revenue or expenditures.

Local Government

Local government building codes and ordinances are required to be consistent with the measure. Updating these may entail workload and expenditures for local governments, and fee revenue may be affected for any permitting that is superseded by the measure.

Economic Impact

The measure is not expected to have an immediate impact as no current state laws are expected to be impacted by the measure. This measure may allow for the sale of certain goods or services that would not otherwise be available. These sales would likely come at the cost of other consumer activity.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2020 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Public Health and Environment
Municipalities

Natural Resources
Counties

Local Affairs

Abstract of Initiative 297: PROHIBIT RESTRICTIONS ON THE UTILIZATION OF NATURAL GAS

The abstract includes estimates of the fiscal impact of the proposed initiative. If this initiative is to be placed on the ballot, Legislative Council Staff will prepare new estimates as part of a fiscal impact statement, which includes an abstract of that information. All fiscal impact statements are available at www.ColoradoBlueBook.com and the abstract will be included in the ballot information booklet that is prepared for the initiative.

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