



## Legislative Council Staff

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### Fiscal Summary

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#### **LCS TITLE: PROHIBIT CERTAIN MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR MINORS**

#### **Fiscal Summary of Initiative 175**

This fiscal summary, prepared by the nonpartisan Director of Research of the Legislative Council, contains a preliminary assessment of the measure's fiscal impact. A full fiscal impact statement for this initiative is or will be available at [leg.colorado.gov/bluebook](https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook). This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

**State revenue.** The measure may increase state revenue from additional civil filings fees and additional civil penalties collected by the state. The exact increase is unknown as it depends individuals' behavior and the number of resulting cases.

**State expenditures.** This measure will increase state spending by \$150,000 to hire additional Attorney General staff to receive and respond to complaints, as well as to develop a complaint reporting tool. In addition, workload for the professional boards in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) regulating medical professionals will increase to provide outreach and education, conduct investigations, hold hearings, and take disciplinary action against any violators of the measure. Workload will increase in the Judicial Department to the extent that additional civil cases are filled. Finally, to remain compliant with federal law, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) may be required to transport patients out of state if procedures prohibited by the measure are considered medically necessary care under health care programs it operates.

**Economic impacts.** The measure will reduce spending on medical care in the state economy, and will potentially shift this spending either to other sectors of the state economy or to out-of-state medical providers.