



Initiative 279

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Fiscal Summary

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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. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State expenditures. The measure transfers the duties and responsibilities of the Title Board to the directors of Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services. This reduces costs for the designees of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to no longer attend and participate in Title Board hearings, and for the Department of State to provide administrative support. Instead, this measure increases costs for the Legislative Department to perform the functions of the title board, including an increase in staff to review all citizen initiated ballot measures, determine if it contains a single subject, prepare a title, and provide administrative support to proponents and other interested persons. Costs will also increase for legal services when decisions of the directors are challenged in the Supreme Court. Final legal decisions must be made by the court within 30 days, which increases staff time and expenditures in the Judicial Department.

Economic impacts. The measure has no direct impact on the state economy.