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Initiative 89

Fiscal Impact Statement

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LCS TITLE: RIGHT TO ABORTION

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Summary of Measure

Under current law, an individual's right to reproductive autonomy, including the right to continue or terminate a pregnancy, is outlined in state statute. This measure codifies the right to abortion specifically in the state constitution.

The measure also removes the constitutional provision prohibiting the use of public funds for abortion. Currently state funds in Colorado are not used for abortion services, except when required under federal law to pay for abortion services under the state's Medicaid Program in certain limited cases.

State and Local Expenditures

The measure will have no fiscal impact to state and local governments, as it reflects current law and practices. To the extent that additional abortion-related programs or legislation are created from the repeal on public funding towards abortion measures, state or local government expenditures will increase. At this time, no change in spending is estimated, as it will depend on future decisions by the state legislature and local governments.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2024 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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