



## Fiscal Summary

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**Measure:** Initiative 138 – ACCESS TO PRIVATE INSURANCE

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### Fiscal Summary of Initiative 138

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.

#### Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Neither the State of Colorado nor any local governments within the state currently administer a single-payer health insurance program; therefore, the measure has no immediate fiscal impact on state or local governments. In the future, the measure would prohibit the creation of a single-payer health insurance system at the state or local level, potentially avoiding costs. Pursuant to Senate Bill 25-045, the School of Public Health at the University of Colorado is currently analyzing these potential costs and other aspects of single-payer health care. This work will be completed by December 31, 2026.

#### Economic Impact

The measure has no immediate economic impact on the state. To the extent this measure prevents the state or local governments in Colorado from enacting a single-payer health insurance system at some point in the future, it will maintain health care spending through the existing private health insurance market and limit the role of the public sector in facilitating health care payments.