



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 71 – PROHIBIT CERTAIN SURGERIES ON MINORS

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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 and Revenue

The measure may impact state revenue and expenditures in several areas, as outlined below.

Insurance Coverage

The measure may decrease expenditures in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) if the health plans they administer—Medicaid and Children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+)—no longer pay for affected surgeries. However, to the extent these surgeries are required by federal law as a necessary health benefit under Medicaid, costs may continue and even increase if patients must be transported to other states to receive care. Similarly, expenditures may decrease for state employee health insurance plans.

Enforcement

The measure will increase workload for the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Judicial Department to process additional complaints and civil case filings against medical professionals. Correspondingly, the measure may increase revenue to these departments since DORA can adjust fees placed on health care professionals to cover the cost of regulation and the Judicial Department charges filing fees. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

Economic Impacts

The measure will decrease spending and associated economic activities in the health care sector of the state economy, with impacts concentrated on providers who specialize in the services prohibited by the measure.