

Measure: Initiative 178 - PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT BANS ON ENERGY SOURCE

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Fiscal Summary of Initiative 178

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

Initiative 178 prohibits a local government from banning or restricting the use of stoves, cars, lawn equipment, or service connections powered by a commonly used energy source. The measure may increase expenditures and workload for state agencies to revise technical assistance to local governments.

Local Government

Local governments that currently have or are considering ordinance that prohibit or restrict certain equipment or energy sources will have increased costs to conform existing codes with state law, and to modify permitting, inspection, and compliance activities.

Economic Impacts

In jurisdictions where certain equipment or energy sources have been or would be restricted, this measure may decrease consumption of alternative sources of energy and related goods. If the continued use of these unrestricted items is less expensive than alternatives, consumers may increase their spending or savings elsewhere in the economy.