



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 177 – RIGHT TO NATURAL GAS

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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

Initiative 177 creates a constitutional right to sell and purchase natural gas for cooking and heating. The measure may increase expenditures for state agencies to revise technical assistance to local governments concerning building codes that conflict with the right to purchase or sell natural gas. The measure may also increase workload and legal services for state agencies implementing the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan.

Local Government

Local governments that currently have or are considering building codes that prohibit or restrict natural gas in commercial and residential development will have increased costs to conform the codes with state law, and to modify permitting, inspection, and compliance activities.

Economic Impacts

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