



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 180 – MENTAL COMPETENCY AND CIVIL COMMITMENT

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Fiscal Summary of Initiative 180

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 Revenue

Starting in FY 2026-27, the initiative may decrease state revenue to the trial courts if additional level 4 drug felony cases are dismissed. Any decrease in revenue is expected to be minimal.

State Expenditures

In FY 2026-27, the initiative will increase state expenditures in the Behavioral Health Administration by at least \$400,000 to develop new evaluator standards, train evaluators in those standards, and oversee changes to the competency process. In future years, the initiative will significantly increase costs for the Department of Human by between \$20 million and \$70 million per year to add civil commitment beds and for navigators to coordinate placements for additional emergency mental health holds. The annual cost per competency-restoration bed is \$388,000 and it is assumed that between 50 and 180 additional beds will be required. Workload will also increase in the Judicial Department to hear additional cases and for liaisons at Bridges of Colorado to assist individuals involved.

Local Government

If the initiative results in individuals spending more time in a local jail, county incarceration costs will increase. In addition, district attorney office workload will increase to attend additional hearings.

Economic Impacts

Delaying individuals' release from incarceration or a civil commitment placement may reduce economic activity from labor and spending and may increase government spending on jails,

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hospitals, and social welfare programs. To the extent that the initiative decreases criminal activity or provides individuals with the mental health care they may need, those impacted by crime and mental health issues may experience better economic outcomes.

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Initiative 180 Change in Income Taxes Owed by Income Category

Income Categories*	Current Average Income Tax Owed	Proposed Average Income Tax Owed	Proposed Change in Average Income Tax Owed if Passed + or -
\$25,000 or less			
\$25,001 - \$50,000			
\$50,001 - \$100,000			
\$100,001 - \$200,000			
\$200,001 - \$500,000			
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000			
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000			
\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000			

* Adjusted Gross Income reported to the federal Internal Revenue Service