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Initiative 8

Fiscal Summary

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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 www.ColoradoBlueBook.com. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State revenue. The measure may increase state fine revenue for certain offenses related to impeding the gathering of petition signatures.

State expenditures. The measure may increase state workload and costs if a greater number of statewide petitions are administered by the Secretary of State, and if the state Supreme Court reviews more ballot disputes within newly established deadlines. The measure may also decrease workload and expenses in the legislative branch relating to the initiative process.

Local government impact. Local governments without a petition process are required to establish one, which increases workload and administrative costs. Local governments may also have an increase in costs if a greater number of petitions are submitted.

Economic impacts. While this measure may impact the number and type of citizen-initiative measures proposed or enacted in the future, Initiative 8 itself is not expected to have a direct economic impact on the state.