



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 133 – CHILD DIGITAL SAFETY

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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 Revenue and Expenditures

While the measure does not amend specific state statute or specify which state agencies are responsible for enforcing certain requirements, it would likely increase state revenue and expenditures in several areas if implemented.

First, if the Department of Law were to enforce the measure's requirements on digital platforms, workload and costs would increase. Any state agencies that operate digital platforms subject to the measure's requirements would also have increased costs to ensure compliance. The creation of new criminal offenses and civil causes of action would increase revenue and workload for the Judicial Department. The Department of Corrections would have increased costs to house anyone sentenced for a term of imprisonment for the new criminal offenses.

The exact impact of this measure, if approved by voters, will likely depend on future legislation clarifying details about its implementation.

Local Government

District attorneys will have additional workload to the extent the bill creates additional caseload.

Economic Impacts

If implemented, the measure could impact the state economy in several areas. Increasing regulation of online platforms operating in the state could decrease the availability of some services or reduce investments in certain business. Additionally, incarcerating additional individuals in state prison would reduce workforce participation, which may reduce economic activity from labor and spending and may increase government spending on prisons and social welfare programs. To the extent that the initiative decreases criminal activity or decreases the number of child sexual assault, individuals otherwise affected by such crimes may experience improved economic outcomes.