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### Fiscal Summary

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#### LCS TITLE: PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Fiscal Summary of Initiative 102

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](https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook). This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

**State spending.** The measure outlines the fundamental rights of parents to make decisions regarding the care and custody of their children, including in regards to education, religious instruction, healthcare, place of habitation, counseling, and psychological and emotional wellbeing of their children. Adding these rights to the Colorado Constitution may impact the operations, policies, and potentially costs of numerous state programs, including child protection services, education, health care programs, and professional regulation of mental health professionals and health providers, among others. The exact impacts cannot be estimated, as they will depend on future policy decisions, legislation, and court decisions regarding application of these rights.

**Local spending.** Similar to the state impacts above the measure will potentially increase workload and costs for local governments to adjust policies and program operations in accordance with the measure. Local governments and programs that may be affected include school districts, county departments of human services, and law enforcement agencies, among others.

**Economic impacts.** The economic impacts of the measure are unknown and depend of future actions and decisions by policymakers and the public. To the extent the measure changes educational, medical, religious, or health decisions for children, educational and economic outcomes for those children may change.