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Fiscal Summary

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Fiscal Summary of Initiative 86

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 <https://leg.colorado.gov/bluebook>. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State expenditures. Initiative 86 prohibits the state or a local government from restricting the use of an energy source for cooking, hot water, generators, or heating systems based on the type of energy to be delivered to an individual consumer. The measure increases expenditures and workload for state agencies to revise technical assistance to local governments concerning housing and building codes. The measure also may increase workload and legal services for state agencies implementing the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan.

Local government impact. Local governments that currently have or are considering building codes that prohibit certain energy hookups 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 certain energy sources have been or would be restricted, this measure may decrease consumption of alternative sources of energy and related goods. If the continued use of an energy source is less expensive than alternatives, consumers may have increased spending or saving elsewhere in the economy.