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Initiative 132

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 expenditures. Initiative 132 prohibits the state or a political subdivision from adopting an ordinance, rule, county resolution or code that prohibits or discriminates against an energy source for cooking, hot water, generators, or heating and cooling by an individual consumer. The measure will minimally increase expenditures for state agencies to revise technical assistance to local governments concerning housing and building codes.

Local government impact. The measure precludes local laws and building codes that disallow or discriminate against the use of specific energy sources, which may change the number and substance of land use actions taken by local governments in the future. 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 discriminated or disallowed, 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.