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Fiscal Summary

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LCS TITLE: CONCERNING PARENTAL RIGHTS

Fiscal Summary of Initiative 115

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 spending. The measure outlines various rights of parents with regards to the education, religious training, healthcare, mental health of their children. Adding these provisions to state law may impact the operations, policies, and potentially costs of numerous state programs, including 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, particularly school districts, to adjust policies and program operations in accordance with the measure. Among other impacts, school districts will need to adjust policies to allow parents access to various records and to notify parents about children experiencing gender incongruity, among other requirements. Exact impacts will vary depending on current local practices and parents' use of these rights in the future.

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.