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# Initiative 133

## Fiscal Summary

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### LCS TITLE: CONSUMER CHOICE IN ENERGY

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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](http://www.coloradobluebook.com). This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

**State Expenditures.** Initiative 133 prohibits a local government from enacting an ordinance, regulation or code that restricts the use of an energy source for cooking, hot water, generators and heating systems based on the type of energy to be delivered to an individual consumer. The measure will increase expenditures and workload for state agencies to revise technical assistance to local governments concerning housing and building codes.

**Local government impact.** The measure precludes a local ordinance, regulation or code that restricts the use of an energy source, which may change the number and substance of building codes and zoning regulations adopted 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 building 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.