



Fiscal Summary

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Measure: Initiative 250 – INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND VEHICULAR ASSAULT

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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 leg.colorado.gov/bluebook. This fiscal summary identifies the following impact.

State Revenue

The measure decreases state revenue by mandating a prison sentence instead of probation. Currently, offenders pay supervision fees when sentenced to probation. The revenue decrease is estimated at about \$50,000 in FY 2027-28, with greater decreases in future years.

State Expenditures

The measure is estimated to increase state expenditures by about \$15.7 million in FY 2027-28, with increasing costs in future years. The increase reflects the net impact of the measure from a decrease in probation costs and an increase in prison costs starting in FY 2027-28 as more individuals are incarcerated, or incarcerated for longer periods of time. It is estimated that about 239 additional individuals will receive a mandatory prison sentence, and about 59 individuals who are currently sentenced to prison will receive a longer sentence. For the five-year period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, prison costs are estimated to increase by a total of \$150.1 million.

Local Government

Workload and costs for district attorney offices will increase to prosecute longer, more complicated felony cases.

Economic Impacts

Incarcerating more individuals in state prison or for longer will reduce workforce participation, which may reduce economic activity from labor and spending and may increase government spending on prisons and social welfare programs. However, to the extent that the initiative

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decreases criminal activity, individuals who would otherwise be victims of these crimes may see improved economic outcomes, and government spending on victim services would decrease.