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Fiscal Summary

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Fiscal Summary of Initiative 101

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 will decrease state revenue by limiting the number of mountain lion hunting licenses sold by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). If violations of the measure occur, state revenue may also increase from fines and court fees.

State Expenditures. State expenditures in the Judicial Department may increase to consider additional court cases. If the courts include jail time in any felony conviction, incarceration costs increase for the Department of Corrections. State expenditures could also increase in CPW to investigate and prosecute criminal cases.

Local government impact. Local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys may have increased workload to investigate and prosecute more cases, as well as to receive reporting on illegal activity. Persons charged with criminal offenses may be held in a county jail while awaiting trial, which increases costs for counties.

Economic impacts. The measure will have a minimal direct economic impact on the state. Reducing the number of hunting licenses sold by CPW may reduce economic activity in areas of the state where hunting is prevalent. Hunters may also look to states other than Colorado to hunt these animals, thus potentially decreasing income to communities near hunting areas, outfitters, excursion guides, and other hunting related entities.