



Initiative 113

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

State expenditures. Initiative #113 will increase expenditures in the Department of Public Safety by about \$483 million in FY 2025-26, and about \$442 million in FY 2026-27 and beyond. Expenditures will include grants to local law enforcement agencies for hiring, retention, merit pay, continuing education, and for armed resource officers in public schools, totaling \$420 million. Expenditures also include \$1 million payments to surviving spouses or children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The payments are retroactive to 2000, so FY 2025-26 expenditures include about \$63 million for retroactive payments. About \$3 million is needed in subsequent fiscal years for these payments. Appropriations each year are adjusted for inflation plus one percent.

Local government impact. The measure will increase state funding by the amounts shown above, which will correspondingly increase spending by local law enforcement agencies. State funding must add to and not replace existing funding for local agencies.

Economic impacts. Initiative #113 will shift additional funding toward law enforcement related activities and could incentivize the hiring of additional law enforcement officers, including recruiting individuals from outside the state. Increased spending on law enforcement could reduce state government spending on other types of services and in other areas of the economy. If the measure increases in-migration to Colorado from recruiting out-of-state law enforcement personnel, economic activity from, and resources used by, these new residents will increase.