



Initiative 157

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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 #157 appropriates \$350 million to the newly created Peace Officer Training and Support Fund in the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to provide a death benefit of \$1 million to surviving spouses, children, or estate of any peace officer killed in the line of duty, and for providing grants to support law enforcement agencies in a variety of ways. The initiative increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2024-25 until the initial \$350 million appropriation is spent, at which time expenditures for grant funding will only continue if further appropriations to the fund are made by the General Assembly.

Expenditures for death benefits will continue indefinitely and are estimated at \$3 million per year, on average.

Local government impact. The measure will increase state funding to local governments, 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 #157 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.