



Initiative 91

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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 revenue and expenditures. The measure will decrease annual state revenue by removing all mountain lion license sales by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). The measure will also reduce state expenditures of game damage claims paid by CPW to landowners for mountain lion livestock incidents, as mountain lions will no longer be classified as game. To the extent that prohibited hunting of mountain lions occurs, additional revenue from fines or civil penalties may be received by the state and workload will be incurred in various state agencies to investigate, prosecute, hear civil and criminal cases, restrict a hunter's license, and other related activities.

Economic impacts. The measure will have a minimal direct economic impact on the state. Reducing the number of hunting licenses sold by Colorado Parks and Wildlife 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.