



## Fiscal Summary

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**Measure:** Initiative 216 – SENTENCING FOR SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

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## Fiscal Summary of Initiative 216

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](http://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. It is estimated that the measure will decrease revenue by \$41,000 in FY 2027-28, with decreasing revenue in future years.

### State Expenditures

The measure is estimated to increase state expenditures by around \$5.2 million in FY 2027-28, with increasing costs in future years. These costs reflect the net impact under the measure from a decrease in probation costs and an increase in prison costs starting in FY 2027-28 as additional persons are incarcerated, or incarcerated for longer periods of time. For the five-year time period from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, prison costs are estimated to increase by \$57.3 million.

### Local Government

Similar to the state, expenditures in district attorney offices will increase to prosecute longer, more complicated felony cases.

### Economic Impacts

Incarcerating additional individuals in state prison 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 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.