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

State revenue. By allowing additional retail liquor store locations, reducing the number of grocery store locations that sell beer, wine and spirits, and limiting grocery stores to 12 locations that may sell beer, Initiative 100 will result in a net decrease in fee revenue paid to the Department of Revenue. Applicants for liquor licenses must pay initial application and licensing fees, as well as annual renewal fees. A reduction in the number of licensed locations will reduce fee revenue collected.

State expenditures. Initiative 100 will impact the workload for the Department of Revenue in two ways. First, it will decrease the workload to process fewer applications for new liquor licenses and conduct enforcement. In addition, the department will have additional workload to develop and implement rules for limiting the number of grocery stores that can sell beer to 12 per retailer. The net change is expected to be minimal.

Local government impact. Similar to the state impact, Initiative 100 will decrease local liquor licensing authorities' workload to process liquor license applications, increase the workload to ensure retailers comply with the limit on licensed locations, and decrease fee revenue from application and licensing fees. The impact will depend on the change in liquor licensed locations in any individual jurisdiction.

Economic impacts. While Initiative 100 may change the number and type of liquor licensed locations, the overall volume of alcohol sales is not expected to change significantly. The measure may also shift income and employment opportunities across different retailers.