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PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT

Initiated Measure

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AN INITIATED MEASURE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES.

To determine the prison and jail impact of this measure, the Legislative Research Council researched and analyzed statistics from states where marijuana is currently legal for medical purposes. It did not consider the impact to state revenue, business, law enforcement expenses, regulatory costs, or societal costs. The Legislative Research Council concluded that a portion of the state's current marijuana users would qualify to use, sell, or transfer medical marijuana and thus prevent a number of marijuana convictions. However, it also concluded that states that have enacted marijuana laws have seen a subsequent increase in overall marijuana usage, dependence, and abuse in adults which would likely offset any savings from current illegal marijuana users being able to obtain marijuana legally for medical purposes. As a result, this measure will likely have a minimal net impact on prison and jail costs.

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