

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT

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Initiated Measure

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AN INITIATED MEASURE TO DECRIMINALIZE THE POSSESSION OF ONE OUNCE OR
LESS OF MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PARAPHERNALIA.

To determine the prison impact of this measure, the Legislative Research Council researched and analyzed statistics regarding conviction rates for possession of marijuana and other controlled substances, ingestion of marijuana, convictions for drug paraphernalia, and average jail and prison sentences. It did not consider state revenue, tax loss, social costs, business impact, or other law enforcement expenses. It simply estimated the impact on jails and prisons in the state. The conclusion reached was an estimated impact of approximately 3,174 fewer convictions for possession of marijuana, ingestion of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia each year, with an estimated cost savings of \$731,742 per year, or \$7,317,420 over 10 years.

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