

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT

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AN INITIATED MEASURE TO CRIMINALIZE THE TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

A prison/jail population cost estimate statement has been requested due to the penalties in this initiated measure.

To determine the prison impact of this measure, the Legislative Research Council (LRC) researched and analyzed statistics regarding alcohol use, marijuana use, conviction rates for distribution of marijuana, and average prison sentences. The LRC also considered factors such as geographic availability of alcohol, legal means to obtain alcohol, enforceability, and the nature of the crime itself. It did not consider state revenue, tax loss, impact on businesses, society and health, or other law enforcement expenses. It simply estimated the impact on jails and prisons in the state, as required by law. The conclusion reached was an estimated worst-case impact of approximately 685 new convictions a year, with 417 of those serving time in jail or prison, at an estimated cost of \$4,753,805 annually, and \$47,538,050 over a 10 year period.

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