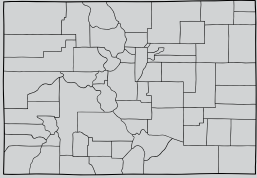


Vote No On

Initiative 108

Property tax relief should target Coloradans who need it the most

1. What does the measure do?



Initiative 108 (**Valuation for Assessments**) would reduce residential and nonresidential rates to from **6.7% to 5.7%** and **27.9% to 24%**, respectively. It would require the state to compensate for local government losses without affecting the State Education Fund and overturn a 2024 bipartisan property tax bill (SB24-233) aimed at providing relief to working Coloradans and those with low incomes.

2. Community Impact

Initiative 108 would require the state to backfill every single dollar that local governments lose out on to pay for this tax break that benefits the wealthiest Coloradans and corporations most.

Initiative 108 costs an estimated 18% of our state's budget and would create an unsustainable budget crisis for state services. A proportionate cut to K-12 from the General Fund is equal to slashing the education budget by almost \$850 million. Though the proponents of 108 claim that schools will be protected, it will be virtually impossible for the legislature to maintain current K-12 funding levels.

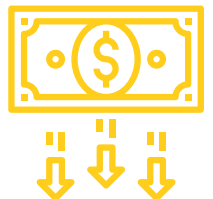
Cuts resulting from 108's passage to state and local services would be deeper than the Great Recession.

3. Fiscal Impact

Initiative 108 would result in \$3 billion of cuts in the first year – and larger cuts in subsequent years.

The state of Colorado would need to find between **\$2.25 and \$3 billion** from the General Fund to meet the reimbursement requirement.

The state's 15% General Fund reserve is only \$2.2 billion. The Human Services budget is \$1.3 billion, and our Higher Education budget is \$1.7 billion, meaning that only by cutting both services completely could pay for the first year of budget deficit caused by the backfill requirements in 108.



4. Learn More

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