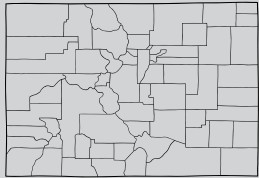


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Proposition 128

Creating a budget crisis under the guise of protecting public safety

1. What does the measure do?



Proposition 128 (**Parole Eligibility for Crimes of Violence**) would increase the parole eligibility by time served from 75% to 85% of the sentence for those convicted of certain violent crimes in Colorado.

2. Community Impact

Every dollar spent on incarceration costs, generates an additional ten dollars in social costs.

Mandatory sentencing laws, especially in states with constitutional limits like Colorado's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), can exacerbate the problem of overcrowded prisons and create significant challenges in maintaining safe and adequate correctional facilities.

Individuals reentering society after prison often encounter challenges in readjusting and establishing stability, encountering obstacles in securing housing, employment, and community support.

3. Fiscal Impact

The total cost of Proposition 128 to the state budget would likely be around **\$56 million** per year between operating and healthcare costs and lost tax revenue, plus up to **\$152.4 million** in one-time construction costs. For context, the General Fund had \$432 million to spend above operational costs and reserve requirements in 2023. Proposition 128 would spend approximately **13%** of our extra revenue every year.

In addition to state costs, we estimate that approximately **\$34 million** in lost wages from previously parole-eligible individuals being unable to work.



4. Learn More

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