

Referendum K

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BALLOT TITLE: SHALL THE COLORADO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL INITIATE OR JOIN OTHER STATES IN A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DEMAND THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL EXISTING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2006/2007	FY 2007/2008
State Revenues		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$190,000	\$190,000
FTE Position Change	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE
Effective Date: Upon voter approval at the 2006 general election.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2006/2007: Will be addressed through the budget process.		
Local Government Impact: None		

Summary of Referendum

Referendum K directs the Colorado attorney general to initiate, or join other states in, a lawsuit against the U.S. attorney general to demand that the federal government enforce existing federal immigration laws.

State Expenditures

The Department of Law will require two attorneys plus support staff for time and work associated with the lawsuit. The cost is estimated at \$190,000 annually until the lawsuit is resolved. This lawsuit against the federal government is anticipated to be large in scope and require significant attorney time. Should the referendum be adopted, new funding will be needed and it will be addressed through annual budget process.