

Estimate of Fiscal Impact for Amendment 77

The following fiscal impacts are conditional upon voter approval in at least one of the three gaming cities and will depend on the casino bet limits and new games approved in those cities.

State and local government revenue. Amendment 77 will likely increase state and local revenue. If bet limits go up, taxable casino revenue and state gaming tax collections are likely to increase. State gaming tax revenue is distributed in part to the municipal and county governments where casinos are allowed. The amount of any revenue increase will depend on how much any locally approved gaming changes increase the revenue on which casinos pay taxes. For reference, a previous expansion of betting limits and allowable casino games in 2008 increased gaming revenue by about \$10 million per year.

State and local government spending. Amendment 77 will likely increase state, local, and community college spending if gaming revenue increases. The amount of any spending will depend on how much any locally approved gaming changes increase the revenue on which casinos pay taxes. The Division of Gaming in the Department of Revenue will need to update rules and documentation if either bet limits are increased or new games are added. This measure will also increase local government spending in the three gaming cities if they hold an election to increase bet limits or add new casino games in each city. Any additional revenue received by community colleges will be spent on programs allowed under current law and those included in this amendment.

Taxpayer impacts. Amendment 77 will likely increase taxes paid by casinos. The amount by which taxes will increase depends on future decisions made by voters in the three gaming cities.