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LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

Colorado Proposition LL
RETAINING AND SPENDING EXCESS REVENUE (2025)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

- Allows Colorado to retain and spend ~$12.4 million (plus interest) from excess 2022 tax deduction revenue.
- Prevents TABOR-mandated refunds to high-income taxpayers.
- Future excess revenue can also be retained for Healthy School Meals for All.

Interaction with Proposition MM

- LL retains existing and future excess revenue.
- MM generates new revenue through reduced deductions.
- Together, they strengthen the HSMA program's fiscal base.

Additional Notes

- No new taxes; just retains previously collected funds.
- Legislatively referred; requires simple majority to pass.

PROS

- Stabilizes funding for Healthy School Meals for All; no new taxes.
- Ensures over-collected revenue supports school meals, not refunds.
- Increases fiscal predictability.
- Simple majority required; straightforward continuation of existing policy.

CONS

- Reduces taxpayer refunds; seen as undermining TABOR rights.
- May expand government retention authority over time.
- Depends on ongoing excess revenues, which aren't guaranteed.

CONSEQUENCE OF PASS VS. FAIL

If Passed:

- State retains ~$12.4M for school meal programs.
- Enhances sustainability for HSMA funding.

If Failed:

- Excess must be refunded to taxpayers or reduce tax rates.
- HSMA loses potential stability and expansion funding.