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Amendment 77

LIMITED GAMING

LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL OF GAMING LIMITS

CML SUPPORTS AMENDMENT 77

Background

In 2008, Colorado voters approved Amendment 50, an amendment to the Colorado Constitution that allowed voter-approved revisions to the limited gaming framework. Amendment 50 set the maximum single bet limit to \$100 for any game, extended the hours for limited gaming operation, and established the types of games allowed at casinos. Amendment 50, which was supported by CML, also set up the current framework for limited gaming fund distributions which includes 78% to the state's public community colleges to supplement existing state funding for student financial aid programs and classroom instruction programs; 10% to the governing bodies of Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek to address local gaming impacts; and 12% to the governing bodies of Gilpin and Teller Counties to address local gaming impacts.

Why CML Supports Amendment 77

Amendment 77 would amend the Colorado Constitution and state statute to allow voters in Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek to vote to increase bet amounts beyond the current \$100 maximum and expand the types of games allowed at casinos in the three cities beginning in May 2021. Additionally, the measure would allow gaming revenue distributed to the state's public community colleges to be spent on programs that improve student retention and increase completion of credentialed programs. If Amendment 77 passes and local communities vote to increase bet limits, local government revenue may increase if gaming tax revenue goes up.

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