

Final Draft

**Table 1. State Government Borrowing Requirements and Restrictions Under Current Law and Amendment 61**

Examples of Existing Projects Funded Through Borrowing	Restrictions and Requirements	
	Current Law	Amendment 61
<i>Long-term borrowing</i> — money borrowed for a period of more than one year that is repaid from a specific source of money like dedicated taxes or fees over a fixed period of time.		
<i>State Departments</i> <b>Department of Transportation</b> State highways and roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voter approval required</li> <li>• No dollar limit on borrowing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited</li> <li>• It is unclear if borrowing on behalf of private entities is prohibited</li> </ul>
<i>State Enterprises</i> <b>Public universities and colleges</b> Classroom buildings, dormitories, and student centers  <b>Colorado Housing and Finance Authority</b> Loans to home buyers, businesses, ranchers, and farmers  <b>Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority</b> Improvements to water and wastewater treatment plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No voter approval required</li> <li>• No dollar limit on borrowing</li> <li>• Legislative authorization required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited</li> <li>• It is unclear if borrowing on behalf of private entities is prohibited</li> </ul>
<i>Other borrowing</i> — including short-term (repaid within one year) borrowing, and lease-to-own agreements where authorized by state law and the state legislature approves payments annually.		
<i>State Departments and Enterprises</i> <b>Department of Corrections</b> Prisons  <b>Department of Higher Education</b> Academic facilities  <b>State Treasurer</b> Short-term borrowing and K-12 school construction and renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No voter approval required</li> <li>• No dollar limit on borrowing</li> <li>• Legislative authorization required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited</li> <li>• It is unclear if borrowing on behalf of private entities is prohibited</li> </ul>

**Impact of Amendment 61 on local governments.** Amendment 61 applies new borrowing limits to all local governments and requires that all future borrowing be submitted for voter approval. Similar to the impact on state government, Amendment 61 will require local governments to either increase fees, reduce construction, or reduce programs or services. Table 2 provides examples of projects funded through local government borrowing and the requirements and restrictions under current law compared to Amendment 61.