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Good afternoon:

My name is Rick Johnson, I have been a Denver based private investigator for the last 25 years (www.denverpi.com) and prior to that a criminal and grand jury investigator for the Denver and Jefferson County District Attorney Office's. I have an issue that might be of interest to you folks.

The licensing of Colorado Private Investigators is rearing its head again. In 2011, Colorado passed the country's first volunteer licensing of private investigators. The program after three years which has been managed by DORA is \$40,000.00 in the hole and taxpayer money from the general fund may be transferred to DORA to make up the deficit.

The deficit was a direct result of a local pi organization that pushed the program in 2011 of inflating numbers of how many pi's would be issued a license. They said 250 would apply for the license. As a result DORA figured the annual cost to run the program to be \$340.00.

The first year at \$340.00 a little over 100 licenses were issued and the following year the cost went up to \$640.00, only 85 licenses were issued which included 20 issued to out of state pi's. We are now in year three of this program, the license fee is a staggering \$1,095.00. That is what has caused the \$40,000.00 deficit.

SB 133 is now calling for all pi's to obtain a license and the new projected number is 700 applicants. There is no way in Hell 700 pi's will obtain a pi license and again Colorado will be running a deficit program and money will more than likely will cost the Colorado taxpayers money.

What legislator in their right mind would entertain this nonsense? The first hearing is on February 10. I don't know if any of this has any interest to your folks, but if so, please feel free to contact me.

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