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Colorado's lower taxes on medicinal marijuana are hindering projected tax revenue from recreational pot sales, according to a recent study released by the state's Department of Revenue.

Prior to recreational sales becoming legal in January, voters last fall overwhelmingly passed a measure placing special excise and sales taxes on recreational marijuana. The fiscal analysis appended to the ballot measure predicted the state would rake in about \$33 million in taxes in the first six months of 2014.

But according to the Department of Revenue study, the state brought in about \$12 million in tax revenue from recreational pot sales through June.

The report, which a special legislative commission pored over Tuesday, found that most of the state's recreational marijuana sales were being derived from tourists traveling to the state. Moreover, it notes that recreational marijuana is not pulling users out of the medicinal marijuana market.

"Higher taxes on recreational pot than those on medical pot is a reason," said state Rep. Dan Pabon (D-Denver). "We might need to also look at exploring taxation on medicinal."

Medicinal marijuana has been legal in Colorado since 2000, much longer than recreational marijuana.

Pabon, who has sponsored and helped to pass legislation to regulate recreational marijuana sales, said Tuesday that estimating tax revenue from recreational

marijuana was a "work in progress" and that "there are concerns about how we

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