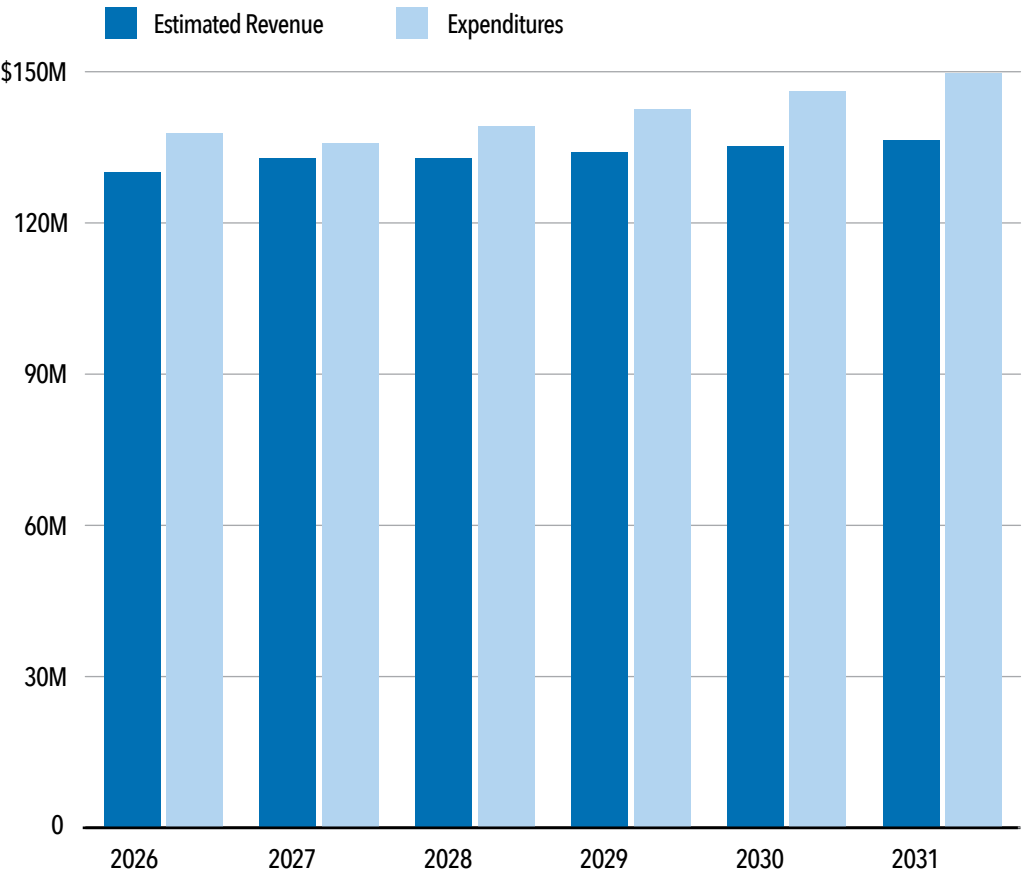


# City to spend millions over next few years

The city of Columbia is on pace to hit nearly \$150 million in expenditures by 2031. The bulk of Columbia's general fund expenses are employee salaries and benefits, accounting for 60% to 70% of the total budget over the next few years. The city plans to make up the shortfall each year by spending its reserve funds.



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