

MEMORANDUM



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TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee
FROM Craig Harper, JBC Staff (303-866-3481)
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SUBJECT Summary of Long Bill Conference Committee Actions

The Report of the First Conference Committee on H.B. 24-1430 includes a number of changes to the bill. The goal of this memorandum is to summarize the significant actions taken by the Conference Committee and the Committee's changes to the bill. The Committee adopted the Reengrossed (House-passed) bill as the starting point and then adopted an amendment to remove the House-passed amendments from the bill. Doing so allowed the Committee to discuss many of the topics addressed during floor debate in both chambers but with the introduced version of the bill as the starting point. As a result, this memo addresses the Committee's changes as adjustments to the introduced bill.

Starting from that base, the Committee adopted the following changes that affected General Fund appropriations, resulting in a net increase of \$16.1 million General Fund:

- Added \$8.8 million General Fund for affordable housing construction grants and loans in the Department of Local Affairs.
- Added \$2.0 million General Fund for the School Security Disbursement Program in the Department of Public Safety as well as a footnote outlining the intended uses of the funds.
- Added \$2.0 million General Fund for crime victim services in the Department of Public Safety.
- Added \$2.0 million General Fund for State Funding for Senior Services (for Area Agencies on Aging) in the Department of Human Services.
- Added \$1.5 million General Fund to the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program in the Department of Human Services.
- Added \$350,000 for Immigration Legal Defense in the Department of Labor and Employment.
- Add \$229,335 General Fund to support the Gamete Bank and Fertility Clinic Program.
- Retained amendments passed by both chambers to add just over \$100,000 (\$108,472) General Fund for continuing medical education for primary care providers through the University of Colorado.
- Added \$100,000 for the Colorado Access to Justice Cash Fund (and program) in the Judicial Department.
- Included a small adjustment in funding related to maternal care provider rates. (\$12,676 total funds and \$6,338 General Fund)
- Adjusted funding for several decision items in the Department of Public Safety resulting in a net reduction of \$958,171 General Fund below the introduced bill.

In addition, the Committee added: \$500,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund for Colorado State University to support the Agrability Program and a one-time appropriation of \$800,000 from the same source for the Cannabis Business Office in the Office of Economic Development.

Finally, the Committee adopted a number of technical corrections to the bill. **The Joint Budget Committee then reduced the shared housing priorities placeholder to align with better information and to ensure that the budget package remained in balance.**