

An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1150

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Duran, Goldstein, Joseph, Lindsay, McCormick, Nguyen, Stewart K., McCluskie; also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer.

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of agriculture for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part I as follows:

Section 2. Appropriation.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
PART I						
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						
(1) COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES						
Personal Services	3,490,750	1,287,892			2,086,365 ^a	116,493(1)
(22.0 FTE)						
Health, Life, and Dental	5,079,024	1,503,984		3,176,054 ^b		398,986(1)
	5,203,331	1,507,390		3,283,325 ^b		412,616(1)
Short-term Disability	21,422	6,973		12,880 ^b		1,569(1)
	21,451			12,909 ^b		
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance	136,554	44,822		81,644 ^b	1 ^a	10,087(1)
	136,741			81,831 ^b		
Unfunded Liability						
Amortization Equalization						
Disbursement Payments	3,046,536	996,085		1,826,294 ^b	13 ^a	224,144(1)
	3,050,692			1,830,450 ^b		
Salary Survey	831,950	273,624		496,652 ^b		61,674(1)
Step Pay	142,728	42,557		94,591 ^b		5,580(1)
PERA Direct Distribution	515,620	169,252		346,368 ^b		
Shift Differential	56,448	860		55,402 ^b	146 ^a	40(1)
Workers' Compensation	264,452	48,270		216,182 ^b		
Operating Expenses ¹	426,475	173,527				
Legal Services	1,018,672	307,247		711,425 ^b	251,998 ^a	950(1)
Administrative Law Judge Services	10,835			10,835 ^b		
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	520,432	315,512		204,920 ^b		

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Vehicle Lease Payments	623,229		310,790		305,630 ^b		6,899 ^(f)
Information Technology Asset Maintenance	511,453		255,049		250,816 ^b		5,588 ^(l)
Leased Space	42,041		42,041				
Office Consolidation COP	19,301				19,301 ^b		
Annual Depreciation-Lease Equivalent Payment	529,063				529,063 ^b		
Payments to OIT	461,617				461,617 ^b		
Digital Trunk Radio Payments	3,499,689		2,223,702		1,275,987 ^b		
CORE Operations	3,306,930		2,101,223		1,205,707 ^b		
Utilities	18,120		11,779		6,341 ^b		
Agrivoltaic Grants	34,321		4,681		25,915 ^b	3,725 ^a	
Agriculture Management Fund	240,000		50,000			190,000 ^a	
	300,000		300,000				
Indirect Cost Assessment	2,048,914				2,048,914 ^c		
	204,307				(2.0 FTE)		
		23,582,500					
		23,406,644					

^a An estimated \$2,289,749 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and an estimated \$242,499 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

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^a Of this amount, an estimated \$336,569(I) shall be from the Veterinary Vaccine and Service Fund created in Section 35-50-106 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated \$58,419 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., an estimated \$5,000 shall be from the Aquaculture Cash Fund created in Section 35-24.5-111, C.R.S., an estimated \$5,000(I) shall be from the Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund created in Section 35-50-114 (3), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated \$5,000(I) shall be from the Cervidae Disease Revolving Fund created in Section 35-50-115 (1)(a), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated \$45,607 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^b Of this amount, an estimated \$3,775,244 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., \$1,122,463 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$1,035,220 shall be from the Industrial Hemp Registration Program Cash Fund created in Section 35-61-106 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$16,124 shall be from the Emergency Invasive Pest Control Fund created in Section 35-1-106.4 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$5,000 shall be from the Seed Potato Cash Fund created in Section 35-27.3-111, C.R.S., and an estimated \$314,130 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^c Of this amount, an estimated \$3,263,597 shall be from the Inspection and Consumer Services Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$170,000 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., \$169,678 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated \$189,417 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^d This amount shall be from the Department of Public Health and Environment from the Clean Water Program Costs line item appropriation in the Clean Water Program subdivision in the Water Quality Control Division.

^e Of this amount, an estimated \$1,550,025 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$500,000(I) shall be from the Agriculture Value-added Cash Fund created in Section 35-75-205 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated \$235,635 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., an estimated \$15,000 shall be from the Noxious Weed Management Fund created in Section 35-5.5-116 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated \$132,256 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^f This amount shall be transferred from the appropriation to the Noxious Weed Management Fund line item within this section. This amount shall be from the Noxious Weed Management Fund created in Section 35-5.5-116 (1), C.R.S.

^g Of these amounts, an estimated \$399,973 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$372,483 shall be from the Inspection and Consumer Services Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., \$194,279 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$67,321 shall be from the Industrial Hemp Registration Program Cash Fund created in Section 35-61-106 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$46,181(I) shall be from the Veterinary Vaccine and Service Fund created in Section 35-50-106 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated \$282,801 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(3) AGRICULTURAL MARKETS DIVISION

(A) Agricultural Markets

Program Costs ³	2,271,920	1,311,239 (6.4 FTE)	32,451 ^a	928,230(I)
Wine Promotion Board	574,246		574,246(I) ^b (1.5 FTE)	

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Agriculture Workforce Development Program ^{4, 5}	660,261		360,261 (1.0 FTE)		300,000 ^c		
Indirect Cost Assessment Community Food Access Program	46,157		172,238 (2.0 FTE)		27,978(1) ^b		18,179(1)
	<u>3,724,822</u>						

^a This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds within the Department.

^b These amounts shall be from the Colorado Wine Industry Development Fund created in Section 35-29.5-105 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes as the fund is continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 35-29.5-105 (1), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.

(B) Agricultural Products Inspection

Program Costs	2,825,876		200,000		2,625,876 ^a (34.5 FTE)		
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>157,097</u>				157,097 ^a		
	<u>2,982,973</u>						

^a These amounts shall be from the Agricultural Products Inspection Cash Fund created in Section 35-23-114 (3)(a), C.R.S.

6,707,795

(4) BRAND BOARD

Brand Inspection	5,920,613				5,920,613 ^a (59.0 FTE)		
Alternative Livestock Brand Estray Fund	15,355				15,355 ^b		
	<u>40,000</u>				40,000(1) ^c		

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Indirect Cost Assessment 281,500

6,257,468

281,500^d

^a This amount shall be from the Brand Inspection Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Alternative Livestock Farm Cash Fund created in Section 35-41.5-116, C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Estray Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., and is included for informational purposes as the fund is continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S.

^d Of this amount, an estimated \$269,763 shall be from the Brand Inspection Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., an estimated \$5,593 shall be from the Alternative Livestock Farm Cash Fund created in Section 35-41.5-116, C.R.S., and an estimated \$5,297(1) shall be from the Estray Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated \$847 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(5) COLORADO STATE FAIR

Program Costs	10,469,738	
FFA and 4H Funding	550,000	10,469,738 ^a
State Fair Facilities	250,000	(26.9 FTE)
Maintenance	300,000	300,000 ^b
Indirect Cost Assessment	164,006	129,492 ^a
	<u>11,613,236</u>	164,006 ^a

^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund created in Section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

(6) CONSERVATION BOARD

Program Costs	648,957	
	734,011	85,054 ^a
	(5.2 FTE)	
	(6.0 FTE)	

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ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Distributions to Soil Conservation Districts	483,767	483,767				
Matching Grants to Districts	675,000	225,000		450,000 ^a		
Salinity Control Grants	506,781					506,781(I)
Appropriation to the Conservation District Grant Fund	<u>700,000</u>			700,000 ^b		
	3,014,565					
	3,099,559					

^a Of this amount, an estimated \$350,000(I) shall be from the Conservation District Grant Fund created in Section 35-1-106.7 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated ~~\$100,000~~ \$185,054 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Severance Tax Operational Fund created in Section 39-29-109 (2)(b), C.R.S.

(7) DIVISION OF ANIMAL WELFARE

Program Costs	590,801	580,801		10,000 ^a		
		(3.1 FTE)				
Bureau of Animal Protection	494,525	494,525				
		(4.0 FTE)				
Pet Animal Care Facilities Act	895,722	170,295		725,427 ^b		
	(11.0 FTE)					
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>96,978</u>			96,978 ^b		
	2,078,026					

^a This amount shall be from the Animal Protection Fund created in Section 35-42-113 (1), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Pet Animal Care and Facility Fund created in Section 35-80-116 (1), C.R.S.

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TOTALS PART I						
(AGRICULTURE)	\$77,793,462	\$20,564,403		\$49,443,501 ^a	\$3,066,248	\$4,719,310 ^b
	\$77,702,660	\$20,389,589		\$49,515,104 ^a		\$4,731,719 ^b

^a Of this amount, \$1,911,846 \$1,911,227 contains an (I) notation.

^b This amount contains an (I) notation.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

- 1 Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Office and Administrative Services, Operating Expenses -- It is the General Assembly's intent that \$207,099 General Fund of this appropriation be used for the implementation of a Human Resources and Business Operations solution within OnBase. This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.
- 2 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Services, Conservation Services Division -- It is the General Assembly's intent that \$500,000 General Fund of this appropriation be disbursed for grants for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate resilience projects. This appropriation remains available until the close of the 2027-28 state fiscal year.
- 3 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Program Costs -- It is the General Assembly's intent that \$39,825 General Fund of this appropriation be used for the International Markets program, and \$26,550 General Fund be used for the Colorado Proud program.
- 4 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Agriculture Workforce Development Program -- This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year.
- 5 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Agriculture Workforce Development Program - It is the General Assembly's intent that \$64,108 General Fund of this appropriation be used for purposes of the Workforce Development program.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.



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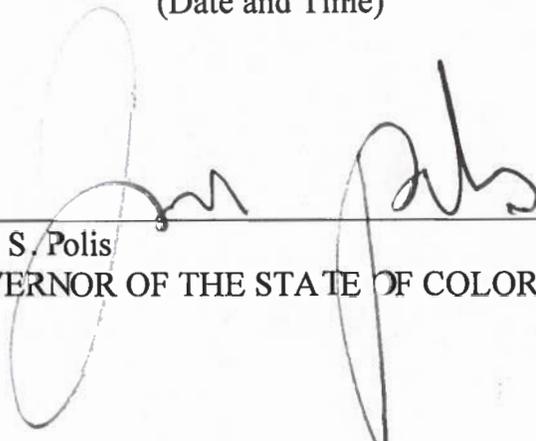


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