

An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1160

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Clifford, Joseph, McCluskie;
also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer.

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 426, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part XI 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 XI DEPARTMENT OF LAW							
(1) ADMINISTRATION							
Personal Services	6,902,149		580,431 (2.8 FTE)			6,321,718 ^a (60.2 FTE)	
Office of Community Engagement	1,587,558 (14.0 FTE)		1,096,341		491,217 ^b		
Health, Life, and Dental	9,596,691		2,308,345		1,623,984 ^c	5,227,709 ^d	236,951 ^(f)
Short-term Disability	58,188		14,127		8,069 ^e	34,599 ^d	1,393 ^(f)
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance	374,062		90,815		51,872 ^e	222,420 ^d	8,955 ^(f)
Unfunded Liability							
Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	8,312,502		2,018,121		1,152,712 ^c	4,942,662 ^d	199,007 ^(f)
Salary Survey for Classified Employees	620,440		180,095		202,916 ^c	202,331 ^d	35,098 ^(f)
Salary Survey for Exempt Employees	2,531,389		576,394		173,676 ^c	1,746,289 ^d	35,030 ^(f)
Step Pay	487,416		101,123		57,793 ^c	324,257 ^d	4,243 ^(f)
PERA Direct Distribution	1,521,258		405,753		210,956 ^c	904,549 ^d	
Workers' Compensation	223,238		59,985		28,705 ^c	127,330 ^d	7,218 ^(f)
Attorney Registration and Continuing Legal Education	201,977		38,995		5,123 ^c	155,817 ^d	2,042 ^(f)
Operating Expenses	265,803		24,060			241,743 ^a	
Legal Services	250,530		96,678		153,852 ^f		
Administrative Law Judge Services		431			431 ^c		

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^f This amount shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S.

(2) LEGAL SERVICES TO STATE AGENCIES⁶⁸

Personal Services	59,437,618
	(361.5 FTE)
Operating and Litigation	3,140,463
Indirect Cost Assessment	5,512,959
	68,091,040

1,947,137^a

66,143,903^b

^a Of this amount, \$1,747,137 shall be from funds that are received for the provision of legal services and that are credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., and \$200,000 shall be from the Attorney Fees and Costs Account created in Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S. The cash funds appropriation from the Legal Services Cash Fund reflects funds received from state entities for which there is not a corresponding appropriation made in this act for the purchase of legal services. The Attorney General is authorized to transfer spending authority between cash and reappropriated fund sources appropriated within this section (2), but the Attorney General shall not increase total spending authority for the line item appropriations within this section (2).

^b This amount shall be from funds that are received for the provision of legal services and that are credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S. The reappropriated funds appropriation reflects funds received from state agencies for which there is a corresponding appropriation made in this act for the purchase of legal services. The Attorney General is authorized to transfer spending authority between cash and reappropriated fund sources appropriated within this section (2), but the Attorney General shall not increase total spending authority for the line item appropriations within this section (2).

(3) CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND APPELLATE

Special Prosecutions Unit	6,655,312
Auto Theft Prevention Grant	222,465
Appellate Unit	6,236,031
	(41.6 FTE)
Peace Officers Standards and Training Board Support	6,323,396

3,608,949
(23.6 FTE)

2,029,862^a
(15.4 FTE)

1,016,501^b
(7.4 FTE)

222,465(D)^c
(1.0 FTE)

859,656^d

6,323,396^c
(16.0 FTE)

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Indirect Cost Assessment 605,785
20,042,989

490,249^f

115,536^b

^a This amount shall be from the Insurance Fraud Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-104.5 (2), C.R.S.

^b These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Securities Fraud Prosecution line item in the Division of Securities section. These amounts originate as cash funds from the Division of Securities Cash Fund pursuant to Section 11-51-707 (2), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Public Safety from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority line item in the Colorado State Patrol section, from a grant awarded pursuant to Section 42-5-112 (3), C.R.S. This amount is shown for informational purposes only because grant funds are continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (2)(b), C.R.S.

^d Of this amount, \$774,660 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 \$84,996(1) shall be transferred from the Department of Public Safety from the State Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Program line item in the Division of Criminal Justice, Victims Assistance section, pursuant to Section 24-33.5-506 (1)(c), C.R.S.

^e Of this amount, \$5,286,630 shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S., and \$1,036,766 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

^f Of this amount, \$250,295 shall be from the P.O.S.T. Board Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-303 (2)(b), C.R.S., and \$239,954 shall be from the Insurance Fraud Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-104.5 (2), C.R.S.

(4) WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Federal and Interstate Water Unit	1,496,305	1,496,305	(10.5 FTE)			
Defense of the Colorado River Basin Compact	1,061,699			1,061,699 ^a		(4.5 FTE)
Defense of the Republican River Compact	110,000			110,000 ^a		
Consultant Expenses	35,091			35,091 ^a		
	475,000			475,000 ^b		
	549,909			549,909 ^b		

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	655,018					655,018 ^c (3.5 FTE)	
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>54,646</u>	3,852,668				54,646 ^c	

^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Litigation Fund created in Section 37-60-121 (2.5)(a), C.R.S.

^b Of this amount, \$425,000 shall be from the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Litigation Fund created in Section 37-60-121 (2.5)(a), C.R.S., and \$50,000 shall be from the Attorney Fees and Costs Account created in Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S.

^c These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Public Health and Environment from the Transfer to the Department of Law for CERCLA-Related Costs line item in the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, Contaminated Site Cleanups and Remediation Programs section. These amounts originate as cash funds from the Hazardous Substance Response Fund and are transferred pursuant to Section 25-16-104.5 (1.7)(a)(III), C.R.S.

(5) CONSUMER PROTECTION, ANTITRUST, AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Consumer Protection, Antitrust, and Civil Rights	7,160,749 (44.6 FTE)		3,219,315		3,739,440 ^a	201,994 ^b	
Consumer Credit Unit	2,891,920				2,891,920 ^c (25.0 FTE)		
False Claims Recovery Act Reimbursements	300,000				300,000 ^d		
Patterns and Practices	547,820		547,820 (3.2 FTE)				
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit	3,815,292		953,823 (9.0 FTE)				2,861,469(1) ^e (19.0 FTE)
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>1,164,733</u>	15,880,514			813,439 ^f	23,420 ^b	327,874(1) ^e

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^a Of this amount, \$2,874,309(I) shall be from custodial money, \$583,000 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$282,131 shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115 (2)(a), C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (5), C.R.S., custodial money received by the Attorney General is not subject to annual appropriation but the expenditure of such money may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act. Expenditures from custodial money do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

^b These amounts shall be transferred from the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Mortgage Broker Consumer Protection line item in the Division of Real Estate. These amounts originate as cash funds from the Division of Real Estate Cash Fund created in Section 12-10-215 (2)(a)(II)(B), C.R.S., and are transferred pursuant to Section 12-10-719, C.R.S.

^c Of this amount, \$2,340,823 shall be from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund created in Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S., \$551,097(I) shall be from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund created in Section 5-20-104 (3)(a), C.R.S. Appropriations from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund are shown for informational purposes only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S. and appropriations from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund are shown for informational purposes only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-20-104 (3)(c), C.R.S.

^d This amount shall be from the False Claims Recovery Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-1209(1), C.R.S.

^e These amounts shall be from the federal Medicaid Fraud Control Program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and are shown for informational purposes only.

^f Of this amount, \$344,136(I) shall be from custodial money, \$328,512(I) shall be from the Consumer Credit Cash Fund created in Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S., \$62,574(I) shall be from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund created in Section 5-20-104 (3)(a), C.R.S., \$46,930 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 29-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$31,287 shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115 (2)(a), C.R.S., pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (5), C.R.S. Custodial money received by the Attorney General is not subject to annual appropriation, but the expenditure of such money may be indicated in the annual general appropriation act. Expenditures from custodial money do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution. Appropriations from the Consumer Credit Unit Cash Fund are shown for informational purposes only because they are continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-2-302 (11)(a), C.R.S. and appropriations from the Student Loan Ombudsperson and Student Loan Servicer Licensing Fund are shown for informational purposes only as they are continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 5-20-104 (3)(c), C.R.S.

(6) SPECIAL PURPOSE

District Attorneys' Salaries	2,943,586	2,943,586	
Deputy District Attorney Training	350,000	350,000	
District Attorney Assistance for Bond Hearings Grants	600,000	600,000	
Litigation Management	200,000	200,000 ^a	

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Tobacco Litigation		100,000								100,000 ^b				
CORA OML Attorney		116,580				116,580 (1.0 FTE)								
		<u> </u>		4,310,166										

^a This amount shall be from either excess earnings credited to the Legal Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., or from the Attorney Fees and Costs Account created pursuant to Section 24-31-108 (3), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund created in Section 24-22-115 (2)(a), C.R.S. Expenditures from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account of the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

**TOTALS PART XI
(LAW)**

	\$	\$151,919,365	\$	\$28,669,324	\$	\$25,514,253 ^a	\$	\$93,800,797 ^b	\$	\$3,934,991 ^c
		<u>\$151,394,766</u>		<u>\$28,507,306</u>		<u>\$25,457,593^a</u>		<u>\$93,500,033^b</u>		<u>\$3,929,834^c</u>

^a Of this amount, \$5,461,334 contains an (I) notation.
^b Of this amount, \$307,461 contains an (I) notation.
^c This amount contains an (I) notation.

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

68 Department of Law, Legal Services to State Agencies -- In making this appropriation, it is the General Assembly's intent that hourly billing rates charged by the Department for legal services to state agencies not exceed \$145.70 per hour for attorneys and not exceed \$97.68 per hour for legal assistants, which equates to a blended legal rate of \$138.47 per hour.

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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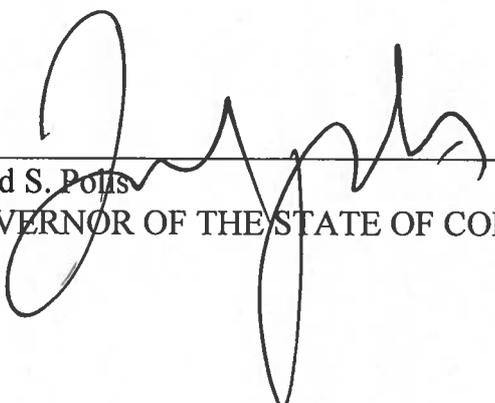


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APPROVED on Thursday March 12th 2026 at 1:00pm
(Date and Time)



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