

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 10, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1229 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 15 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-2203, **add** (4)
3 as follows:

4 **25-4-2203. Health disparities and community grant program**
5 **human-animal bond - definitions - rules.**

6 (4) (a) SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF
8 SUPPORTING THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND, THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY
9 AWARD GRANTS TO ENTITIES THAT SUPPORT THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND AS
10 A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH.

11 (b) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRES:

13 (I) "HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND" MEANS THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
14 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN INDIVIDUAL AND A PET ANIMAL WITHIN THE
15 INDIVIDUAL'S CARE AND CUSTODY.

16 (II) "PET ANIMAL" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
17 35-80-102 (10).".

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