

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 24, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1306 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, line 27, strike "**declaration.**" and substitute
2 "**declaration - repeal.**".

3 Page 3, line 13, after "(3) (a)" insert "(I)".

4 Page 3, strike lines 15 through 18 and substitute "MAKES A DONATION OF:

5 (A) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2028, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO THE
6 WILD HORSE FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 35-66-104, FOR USE BY THE WILD
7 HORSE POPULATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS
8 35-1-119 AND 35-66-108; OR

9 (B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2028, FIFTY DOLLARS TO THE WILD
10 HORSE FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 35-66-104, FOR USE BY THE WILD
11 HORSE POPULATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS
12 35-1-119 AND 35-66-108.

13 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(II) AND SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I)(A) OF
14 THIS SECTION ARE REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028."

15 Page 4, line 5, after "(4)" insert "(a)".

16 Page 4, strike lines 8 through 12 and substitute "EXCEPT THAT, BEGINNING
17 JULY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FEE SPECIFIED IN
18 SECTION 42-3-312 AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE
19 DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE
20 PLATES. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY
21 USERS TAX FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

22 (b) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
23 NOTIFY THE STATE TREASURER OF THE NUMBER OF WILD HORSE LICENSE
24 PLATES SOLD. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE

1 COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
2 JOINTLY DETERMINE THE FREQUENCY OF THE NOTIFICATIONS.
3 (II) UPON RECEIVING THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION
4 (4)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER:
5 (A) TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FROM THE WILD HORSE FUND,
6 CREATED IN SECTION 35-66-104, TO THE COLORADO DRIVES VEHICLE
7 SERVICES ACCOUNT, CREATED IN SECTION 42-1-211; AND
8 (B) TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FROM THE WILD HORSE FUND,
9 CREATED IN SECTION 35-66-104, TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND,
10 CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.
11 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
12 2028."

13 Page 5, line 4, before "In" insert "(1)".

14 Page 5, line 11, strike "~~42-3-271~~ 42-3-272" and substitute "42-3-271".

15 Page 5, strike lines 14 and 15 and substitute "license plate by section
16 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The department shall transfer the money from the fee
17 to the state treasurer who shall credit it THE MONEY FROM THE FEE to the".

18 Page 5, after line 17 insert:

19 "(2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE 3,
20 AN APPLICANT FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED UNDER SECTION
21 42-3-272 SHALL PAY THE FEE IMPOSED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
22 ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2028, TO BE ISSUED THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES."

23 Page 5, before line 18 insert:

24 "**SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
25 year, \$152,611 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This
26 appropriation consists of \$31,536 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle
27 services account in the highway users tax fund created in section
28 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S., and \$121,075 from the license plate cash fund
29 created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the
30 department may use this appropriation as follows:

31 (a) \$121,075 from the license plate cash fund for use by the
32 division of motor vehicles for license plate ordering;

33 (b) \$23,584 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
34 for DRIVES maintenance and support;

35 (c) \$1,927 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account

1 for use by the division of motor vehicles for personal services related to
2 vehicle services;

3 (d) \$2,665 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
4 for use by the executive director's office for personal services related to
5 administration and support; and

6 (e) \$3,360 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
7 for payments to OIT."

8 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

9 Page 1, line 102, strike, "PLATE." and substitute "PLATE, AND, IN
10 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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