

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 10, 2023  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB23-1246 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the printed bill, page 5, line 14, after "TRANSPORTATION," insert  
2 "CHILD OR DEPENDENT CARE,".

3 Page 10, after line 23 insert:

4 "SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-104, **amend**  
5 (1)(b)(I); and **add** (1)(c.5) as follows:

6 **23-1-104. Financing the system of postsecondary education -**  
7 **report.** (1) (b) (I) For the 2010-11 fiscal year and for fiscal years  
8 beginning on or after July 1, 2016, the general assembly shall make  
9 annual appropriations of general fund money, of cash funds received from  
10 tuition income, and of money that is estimated to be received by an  
11 institution, under the direction and control of the governing board, as  
12 stipends, as defined in section 23-18-102, and through fee-for-service  
13 contracts, as authorized in section 23-1-109.7 or 23-18-303.5, whichever  
14 is applicable, as a single line item to each governing board for the  
15 operation of its campuses; except that, if the general assembly  
16 appropriates money, as described in subsection (1)(c) of this section, to  
17 the Colorado state forest service, the agricultural experiment station  
18 department of the Colorado state university, ~~or~~ the Colorado state  
19 university cooperative extension service, OR TO THE STATE BOARD FOR  
20 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AS DESCRIBED IN  
21 SUBSECTION (1)(c.5) OF THIS SECTION, such money shall not be included  
22 within the single line item appropriations described in this subsection  
23 (1)(b).

24 (c.5) IN ADDITION TO ANY APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO  
25 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
26 MAY MAKE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF GENERAL FUND MONEY AS

1 SEPARATE LINE ITEMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
2 AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION FOR THE IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM  
3 CREDENTIALS PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-60-1201.

4 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-103, **add** (12)  
5 as follows:

6 **23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal.** (12) (a) THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING  
8 APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS  
9 ARTICLE 3.3 DO NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO  
10 SECTION 23-60-1201 FOR THE IN-DEMAND SHORT-TERM CREDENTIALS  
11 PROGRAM.

12 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (12) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027."

13 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

14 Page 11, after line 26 insert:

15 **"SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-102, **amend**  
16 (1)(e) as follows:

17 **25-1.5-102. Epidemic and communicable diseases - powers and**  
18 **duties of department - rules - definitions.** (1) The department has, in  
19 addition to all other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the  
20 powers and duties provided in this section as follows:

21 (e) For fiscal year 2022-23, the general assembly shall appropriate  
22 ten million dollars from the economic recovery and relief cash fund  
23 created in section 24-75-228 to the department. The department shall use  
24 this appropriation for recruitment and re-engagement efforts of workers  
25 in the health-care profession with current or expired licenses and staffing.  
26 ANY MONEY REMAINING AT THE END OF THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR  
27 FROM THIS APPROPRIATION IS FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE  
28 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. ANY MONEY THAT IS  
29 NOT EXPENDED OR OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 30, 2024, REVERTS TO THE  
30 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021" CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
31 24-75-226 (2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (4)(d). ANY  
32 MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER 30, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY  
33 DECEMBER 31, 2026.

34 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-406, **amend**  
35 (9) as follows:

36 **25-1.5-406. School nurse grant program - creation - eligibility**  
37 **- award of grants - rules - report - legislative declaration - definitions.**  
38 (9) The general assembly shall appropriate three million dollars from the  
39 economic recovery and relief cash fund created in section 24-75-228 to  
40 the department for the GRANT program. ANY MONEY REMAINING AT THE

1 END OF THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR FROM THIS APPROPRIATION IS  
2 FURTHER APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
3 SECTION. ANY MONEY THAT IS NOT EXPENDED OR OBLIGATED BY  
4 DECEMBER 30, 2024, REVERTS TO THE "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF  
5 2021" CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-226 (2) IN ACCORDANCE  
6 WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (4)(d) . ANY MONEY OBLIGATED BY DECEMBER  
7 30, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026.

8 **SECTION 9. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal  
9 year, \$43,600,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education  
10 for allocation to the state board for community colleges and occupational  
11 education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this  
12 act, the board may use this appropriation as follows:

13 (a) \$38,600,000 for the in-demand short-term credentials program;  
14 and

15 (b) \$5,000,000 for short-term degree nursing programs.

16 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$1,400,000 is appropriated  
17 to the department of labor and employment. This appropriation is from  
18 the general fund, and is based on an assumption that the department will  
19 require an additional 1.2 FTE. To implement this act, the department may  
20 use this appropriation for the construction registered apprenticeship grant  
21 program administered by the office of the future of work."

22 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

23 Page 1, line 102, strike "WORKFORCE." and substitute "WORKFORCE,  
24 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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