

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 11, 2025
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB25-1154 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report, dated
2 March 27, 2025, page 3, strike lines 27 through 29 and substitute:

3 ""(b) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY, THE ENTERPRISE MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE COLORADO
5 DIVISION FOR THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND CASH FUND
6 FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN".

7 Page 4 of the report, strike lines 31 through 33.

8 Page 5 of the report, strike lines 1 through 3.

9 Amend reengrossed bill, page 38, strike lines 23 through 27.

10 Strike pages 39 through 41 of the bill.

11 Page 42 of the bill, strike lines 1 through 7 and substitute:

12 **"SECTION 30. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

13 (1) To implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the
14 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
15 department of education for use by library programs for reading services
16 for the blind is decreased by \$250,000.

17 (2) To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the
18 Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-
19 102 (3)(c)(II), C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the
20 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of regulatory agencies for use
21 by the public utilities commission is decreased as follows:

1 (a) \$265,965 for personal services, and the related FTE is
2 decreased by 2.0 FTE; and

3 (c) \$3,413,703 for the Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of
4 hearing, and deafblind cash fund.

5 (3) To implement this act, the reappropriated funds appropriation
6 made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal
7 year to the department of human services for use by the Colorado
8 commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind is decreased by
9 \$3,413,703. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received
10 from the department of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities
11 commission for the Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of hearing,
12 and deafblind cash fund.

13 **SECTION 31. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
14 year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies
15 for use by the public utilities commission. This appropriation is from the
16 Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-
17 102 (3)(c)(II), C.R.S. To implement this act, the commission may use this
18 appropriation for transfer to the reading services for the blind cash fund.

19 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to
20 the department of education for use by library programs. This
21 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department
22 of regulatory agencies under subsection (1) of this section. To implement
23 this act, library programs may use this appropriation for reading services
24 for the blind.

25 (3) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$4,958,625 is appropriated
26 to the department of human services. This appropriation is from the
27 Colorado division for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind cash fund
28 created in section 26-21-107 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the
29 department may use this appropriation as follows:

30 (a) \$4,891,755 for the communication services for people with
31 disabilities enterprise, which amount is based on an assumption that the
32 enterprise will require an additional 3.0 FTE; and

33 (b) \$66,870 for the purchase of legal services.

34 (4) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$66,870 is appropriated to
35 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
36 received from the department of human services under subsection (3)(b)
37 of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law
38 will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department
39 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
40 department of human services.

41 (5) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$21,467 is appropriated to
42 the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the prepaid
43 wireless trust cash fund created in section 40-17-104 (2)(e)(II), C.R.S. To

1 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:
2 (a) \$10,892 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support;
3 (b) \$2,176 for use by the taxation business group for personal
4 services related to taxation services;
5 (c) \$ 4,725 for use by the executive director's office for personal
6 services related to administration and support; and
7 (d) \$3,674 for the purchase of document management services.
8 (6) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$3,674 is appropriated to the
9 department of personnel. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
10 received from the department of revenue under subsection (5)(d) of this
11 section. To implement this act, the department of personnel may use this
12 appropriation to provide document management services for the
13 department of revenue."

14 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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