

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

June 3, 2021

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB21-243 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general
3 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that spread to Colorado in
5 February of 2020, the state of Colorado and local public health agencies
6 and other public institutions have faced an unprecedented amount of
7 measures required to prevent and address the spread of COVID-19,
8 including testing, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine, public
9 communications, issuance and enforcement of health orders, expansions
10 to health system capacity like alternative care facilities, and, in recent
11 months, a massive nationwide mobilization around vaccinations;

12 (b) In March 2021, Congress enacted the federal "American
13 Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (ARPA), Pub.L. 117-2, to provide emergency
14 assistance to state, local, and tribal governments. Under ARPA, the state
15 of Colorado received \$3,828,761,789.90 in coronavirus state fiscal
16 recovery funds.

17 (c) The assistance provided to the state under ARPA will be
18 deposited into several cash funds, including the economic recovery and
19 relief cash fund created in Senate Bill 21-291;

20 (d) The federal department of the treasury has issued guidance on
21 states' use of the assistance provided under ARPA, indicating that the
22 money provided to the states may be used "to meet and address these
23 emergent public health needs, including through measures to counter the

1 spread of COVID-19, through the provision of care for those impacted by
2 the virus, and through programs or services that address disparities in
3 public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic."; and

4 (e) It is the intent of the general assembly that the appropriations
5 in this act comply with the guidelines set forth by the federal department
6 of the treasury because they are intended to provide funding for
7 administration and support, research, outreach, laboratory services, and
8 emergency preparedness and disaster response activities as well as to
9 support Colorado's 53 local public health agencies."

10 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

11 Page 2, line 18, strike "general fund." and substitute "economic recovery
12 and relief cash fund created in section 24-75-228 (2)(a), C.R.S., and of
13 money the state received from the federal coronavirus state fiscal
14 recovery fund."

15 Page 2, after line 24 insert:

16 "(2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$16,000,000 is appropriated
17 from the general fund to the economic recovery and relief cash fund.

18 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
19 except that sections 1 and 3 of this act take effect only if Senate Bill
20 21-291 becomes law and take effect either upon the effective date of this
21 act or Senate Bill 21-291, whichever is later."

22 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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