

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 24, 2023
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB23-280 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 7, line 11, strike "STATE" and substitute "STATE,
2 TO MAKE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A MULTIPLE EMPLOYER HEALTH
3 TRUST IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY FIREFIGHTER CANCER
4 BENEFITS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 29, AND".

5 Page 21, after line 16 insert:

6 "SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-5-402, **amend**
7 (2) and (3); and **add** (4.5) as follows:

8 **29-5-402. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 (2) "Covered individual" means a firefighter, HAZARDOUS
11 MATERIALS TROOPER, part-time firefighter, or volunteer firefighter who
12 meets the coverage requirements in section 29-5-403 (12).

13 (3) "Employer" means a municipality, special district, fire
14 authority, or county improvement district that employs one or more
15 firefighters, part-time firefighters, or volunteer firefighters. Beginning
16 July 1, 2020, "employer" also means the division of fire prevention and
17 control created in section 24-33.5-1201 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 SAFETY CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1603. "Employer" does not include
19 a power authority created pursuant to section 29-1-204 or a municipally
20 owned utility.

21 (4.5) "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER" MEANS A PERSON
22 EMPLOYED BY THE COLORADO STATE PATROL TO SUPPORT THE
23 REGULATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE.

24 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-5-403, **amend**
25 (12)(a); and **add** (12)(b)(I.5) as follows:

26 **29-5-403. Required benefits - conditions of receiving benefits.**

1 (12)(a) In order for a covered individual to be eligible for the benefits in
2 this section, prior to the diagnosis of cancer and no more than five years
3 for a firefighter or HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER AND no more than
4 ten years for a volunteer firefighter or part-time firefighter after the
5 firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or part-time firefighter became employed
6 by an employer, the firefighter, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER,
7 volunteer firefighter, or part-time firefighter must have had a medical
8 examination that would reasonably have found an illness or injury that
9 could have caused the cancer and no illness or injury was found.

10 (b) In addition to subsection (12)(a) of this section, in order for a
11 covered individual to be eligible for the benefits in this section, the
12 following conditions must be met:

13 (I.5) THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER:

14 (A) HAS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS, FULL-TIME
15 EMPLOYMENT AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER; AND

16 (B) IS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER WITHIN TEN YEARS AFTER
17 CEASING EMPLOYMENT AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TROOPER; OR".

18 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

19 Page 43, after line 7 insert:

20 **"SECTION 12. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal
21 year, \$576,346 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This
22 appropriation is from General Fund. To implement this act, the
23 department may use this appropriation as follows:

24 (a) \$166,239 for personal services related to taxation services,
25 which amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an
26 additional 2.5 FTE;

27 (b) \$22,845 for operating expenses related to taxation services;

28 (c) \$333,303 for tax administration IT system (GenTax) support;

29 (d) \$29,912 for DRIVES maintenance and support; and

30 (e) \$24,047 for the purchase of document management services.

31 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$24,047 is appropriated to
32 the department of personnel. This appropriation is from reappropriated
33 funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(e) of
34 this section. To implement this act, the department of personnel may use
35 this appropriation to provide document management services for the
36 department of revenue.

37 (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$224,592 is appropriated to
38 the department of law. This appropriation is from the legal services cash
39 fund created in section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., from revenue received
40 from the department of public health and environment that is

1 continuously appropriated to the department from the clean fleet
2 enterprise diesel truck emissions reduction grant program cash fund
3 created in section 25-7.5-103 (5)(a), C.R.S. The appropriation to the
4 department of law is based on an assumption that the department of law
5 will require an additional 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department
6 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
7 department of public health and environment."

8 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

9 Page 2, line 103 strike "AND".

10 Page 2, line 104 strike "PROJECTS." and substitute "PROJECTS, AND
11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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