



Joint Budget Committee Staff

Memorandum

To: Members of the Joint Budget Committee
From: Scott Thompson, JBC Staff (303-866-4957)
Date: March 25, 2025
Department: IT Capital
Subject: DOC Pharmacy System

JBC Staff was misinformed on the budget impact of the DOC Pharmacy System. Contrary to JBC Staff's understanding, the Governor's Office requested funding previously requested to be included in the DOC operating budget to be utilized. This funding was not approved by the JBC and thus is not included in the General Fund overview.

If the Committee wishes to proceed with funding the project, it will cost an additional \$1,208,710 General Fund and \$258,611 reappropriated funds from the DOC Facilities Grant.

→ IT Capital Budget Amendment, DOC Pharmacy System Replacement

Request

The Department of Corrections (DOC) submitted a January 31 budget amendment. The JTC approved the requested changes during the supplemental process before it had been resubmitted as a budget amendment and the Joint Budget Committee chose not to fund the project during supplementals. The renewed request is for a total of \$1,467,321 General Fund and is nearly net-neutral between the DOC operating budget and the IT Capital budget. The JTC chose not to act on the budget amendment version of the request, because its submission was untimely and because it acted on the supplemental request.

Recommendation

The Staff recommendation is neutral on this request. There appears to be some merit and potential future cost savings, but the request continues to seem rushed and not as thoroughly vetted as all other projects. Adopting the Department request will result in a reduction of \$1,051,052 in DOC's operating budget. Combined with the 15 percent reserve related to those appropriations that total \$157,658, and \$258,611 from a Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Medicaid Care Coordination in DOC Facilities Grant the DOC proposal is ostensibly net-neutral.