

Joint Budget Committee Staff

FY 2025-26 Budget Briefing Summary

Law

The Attorney General is one of five independently elected constitutional officers of the State. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Law, the Attorney General represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and serves as the legal counsel and advisor to state agencies. The Department's FY 2024-25 appropriation represents approximately 0.3 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.2 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

Summary of Request

Department of Law						
Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2024-25 Appropriation						
HB 24-1430 (Long Bill)	\$146,206,541	\$26,831,326	\$25,134,947	\$90,406,059	\$3,834,209	650.4
Other legislation	1,150,245	12,532	\$0	1,137,713	0	5.1
Total	\$147,356,786	\$26,843,858	\$25,134,947	\$91,543,772	\$3,834,209	655.5
FY 2025-26 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2024-25 Appropriation	\$147,356,786	\$26,843,858	\$25,134,947	\$91,543,772	\$3,834,209	655.5
No prioritized budget requests	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	5,508,054	1,205,112	621,647	3,549,124	132,171	0.0
Annualize prior year actions	591,518	92,842	29,925	467,806	945	4.5
Technical adjustments	19,166	11,153	-4,285	13,540	-1,242	1.0
Indirect cost assessment	-163,130	0	-200,276	37,784	-638	0.0
Total	\$153,312,394	\$28,152,965	\$25,581,958	\$95,612,026	\$3,965,445	661.0
Increase/-Decrease	\$5,955,608	\$1,309,107	\$447,011	\$4,068,254	\$131,236	5.5
Percentage Change	4.0%	4.9%	1.8%	4.4%	3.4%	0.0

No prioritized budget requests: The Department neither submitted any requests for new funding, nor any requests to reduce funding in FY 2025-26.

Centrally appropriated line items: The request includes a net increase of \$5.5 million total funds, including \$1.2 million General Fund, for centrally appropriated line items summarized in the table below.

Centrally appropriated line items						
Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Salary survey	\$3,151,829	\$756,489	\$376,592	\$1,948,620	\$70,128	0.0
Health, life, and dental	1,385,367	180,555	210,039	947,222	47,551	0.0
AED and SAED adjustment	783,678	168,261	32,178	552,682	30,557	0.0
Step Plan	487,416	101,123	57,793	324,257	4,243	0.0
PERA direct distribution	122,540	60,693	-3,300	65,147	0	0.0
Legal services	52,921	20,171	32,750	0	0	0.0
Payments to OIT	50,000	13,539	5,936	28,895	1,630	0.0
Paid Family & Medical Leave Insurance	35,265	7,571	1,448	24,871	1,375	0.0
Leased space	25,405	36,968	-8,311	-719	-2,533	0.0
Short-term disability	11,755	2,524	483	8,290	458	0.0
Workers' compensation	7,491	3,976	211	3,281	23	0.0
CORE operations	4,277	1,249	511	2,390	127	0.0
ALJ services	34	0	34	0	0	0.0
DPS Digital trunk radio	0	926	-548	-378	0	0.0
Payments to OIT	-438,555	-106,699	-60,670	-255,764	-15,422	0.0
Risk management & property	-171,369	-42,234	-23,499	-99,670	-5,966	0.0
Total	\$5,508,054	\$1,205,112	\$621,647	\$3,549,124	\$132,171	0.0

Annualize prior year actions: The request includes a net increase of \$591,518 total funds, including \$92,842 General Fund, for the out-year cost of prior year budget actions and legislation.

Annualize prior year actions						
Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Sum of 2024 legislative bills with legal costs	\$3,790,624	-\$12,532	\$0	\$3,803,156	\$0	3.3
HB 20-1026 23rd Judicial District	64,912	64,912	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 24-25 R1 Special prosecution rural support	25,968	25,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.5
HB 24-1054 Jail standards	25,063	25,063	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.2
FY 24-25 R2 Increase admin. support	22,237	0	0	22,237	0	0.3
FY 24-25 R3 Federal & Interstate Water support	18,067	18,067	0	0	0	0.2
FY 24-25 Salary survey	-1,900,796	68,675	36,974	-2,007,390	945	0.0
FY 24-25 Step Plan	-1,454,557	-97,311	-7,049	-1,350,197	0	0.0
Total	\$591,518	\$92,842	\$29,925	\$467,806	\$945	4.5

Technical adjustments: The request includes \$19,166 total funds and 1.0 FTE, including \$11,153 General Fund, for technical adjustments related to informational funds and FTE reflected in the budget related to grants received and other small fund source swaps.

Indirect cost assessment: The request includes net adjustments to indirect costs across all divisions except the Special Purpose division.

Issues Presented

This is a summary of the briefing issues presented to the Joint Budget Committee by their dedicated non-partisan staff.

Budget reduction options: The Executive Budget Request did not include reductions to the Department of Law budget. At the request of JBC Staff, the Department identified \$1.2 million General Fund that would cause the least disruption to its duties. This issue brief reviews these proposals and additional options identified by staff.

Major litigation pending against the state: Provides a summary of major litigation pending against the state that could result in at least \$5 million in liability.

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