

Letters Requesting Information from State Departments

Historically, the annual Long Bill included footnotes that described the General Assembly's intent regarding an appropriation; placed a condition or limitation on an appropriation; explained any assumptions used in determining the specific amount of an appropriation; or requested information. However, pursuant to Section 24-75-112 (2), C.R.S. (enacted by H.B. 08-1321), the Long Bill does not contain footnotes that request information. Instead, the Joint Budget Committee submits requests for information to executive departments and the Judicial Branch via letters to the Governor, the Chief Justice, and other elected officials. Each request is associated with one or more Long Bill line item(s), and the requests are prioritized by the Joint Budget Committee as required by Section 2-3-203 (3), C.R.S.

Copies of these letters are included in the following pages. The first of the attached letters is to the Governor and addresses all affected departments in alphabetical order, except those under the purview of the Chief Justice or other elected officials. Letters to the Chief Justice (Judicial Department), the Attorney General (Department of Law), the Secretary of State (Department of State), and the Treasurer (Department of the Treasury) follow in that order.

Responses to the requests for information are typically summarized in Joint Budget Committee staff briefing documents (available at leg.colorado.gov/content/budget). Department submissions may also be requested in their entirety from the Legislative Library (email: lcs.ga@coleg.gov; or telephone: (303) 866-4011).

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April 28, 2025

Hon. Jared Polis
Governor
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Polis:

The General Assembly recently finalized the FY 2025-26 Long Bill. Pursuant to Section 24-75-112 (2), C.R.S., the Long Bill footnotes no longer include requests for information. In lieu of such footnotes, the Joint Budget Committee respectfully submits the following requests for information. These requests are associated with specific Long Bill line items, and each has its own details and deadlines. Consistent with the provisions of Section 2-3-203 (3), C.R.S., information requests have been prioritized within each department in the attached lists.

To assist our staff in organizing and tracking submissions, we would appreciate if the department would follow the protocol outlined in an attachment to this letter with respect to submitting hard copies and electronic responses. The Committee requests that the department comply with these requests for information to the fullest extent possible.

Please notify us by June 20, 2025 if the department does not intend to comply with any requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bridges", is written over a horizontal line.

Senator Jeff Bridges

Chair

cc:

Executive Agency Directors
Mark Ferrandino, Office of State Planning and Budgeting
Craig Harper, Staff Director, Joint Budget Committee

Requested Format for Responses to Legislative Requests for Information

Please submit electronic copies of request for information (RFI) responses as follows:

- An electronic copy of all submissions should be sent by email to:
 - The JBC analyst(s) responsible for the specified budget area(s)
 - Jessi Neuberger (jessi.neuberger@coleg.gov) at the JBC offices
 - Legislative Council Staff at the following address: lcs.ga@coleg.gov

The Legislative Council Staff (lcs.ga@coleg.gov) will include the report in an electronic database (part of the Legislative Council Library) and will also ensure the report is distributed to other legislative committees, as specified in some of the RFIs.

- All submissions should include the following information:
 - Name of Department
 - Long Bill fiscal year to which the RFI is attached (FY 2025-26 for the RFIs listed in this letter)
 - Correct RFI number, as listed in this letter

Please include this information in the subject line for electronic submissions, as well as in the body of both electronic and hard copy submissions.

- Please use the following naming convention for your electronic attachments:
"[Department] [fiscal year] [RFI Number]"

For example, the attachment providing the response to RFI #5 in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing would be entitled: **Health Care Policy and Financing FY 2025-26 RFI #5.**

Legislative Requests for Information for FY 2025-26

Requests Affecting Multiple Departments

- 1 Department of Corrections; Department of Human Services; Judicial Department; Department of Public Safety; and Department of Transportation – State agencies involved in multi-agency programs requiring separate appropriations to each agency are requested to designate one lead agency to be responsible for submitting a comprehensive annual budget request for such programs to the Joint Budget Committee, including prior year, request year, and three year forecasts for revenues into the fund and expenditures from the fund by agency. The requests should be sustainable for the length of the forecast based on anticipated revenues. Each agency is still requested to submit its portion of such request with its own budget document. This applies to requests for appropriation from: the Alcohol and Drug Driving Safety Program Fund, the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, the Offender Identification Fund, the Persistent Drunk Driver Cash Fund, and the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund, among other programs.
- 2 Department of Corrections, Department of Public Safety – By November 1, 2025, it is requested that the Departments of Corrections and Public Safety provide the JBC with feedback on JBC staff's options to increase the proportion of DOC inmates in community corrections and the intensive supervision program (see pages 36-38 of the JBC staff figure setting document: https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/fy2025-26_corfig_0.pdf). It is requested that this feedback include technical issues (e.g. statutory, technological, or data challenges/requirements), estimated impact on the DOC prison population and community corrections population, and policy considerations. The Departments are also requested to provide alternative solutions to increase the proportion of DOC inmates in community corrections and intensive supervision if they conclude that alternative solutions are necessary or better.
- 3 Department of Education, Assistance to Public Schools, Categorical Programs; and Department of Higher Education, Division of Occupational Education, Distribution of State Assistance for Career and Technical Education pursuant to Section 23-8-102, C.R.S. – The Department of Education is requested to work with the Department of Higher Education and to provide to the Joint Budget Committee information concerning the distribution of state funds available for each categorical program, excluding grant programs. The information for special education programs for children with disabilities, English language proficiency programs, public school transportation, career and technical education, and small attendance center aid is requested to include the following: (a) a comparison of the state funding distributed to each district or administrative unit for each program in fiscal year 2024-25 and the maximum allowable distribution pursuant to state law and/or State

Board of Education rule; and (b) a comparison of the state and federal funding distributed to each district or administrative unit for each program in fiscal year 2023-24 and actual district expenditures for each program in fiscal year 2023-24. The information for special education programs for gifted and talented children is requested to include a comparison of the state funding distributed to each district or administrative unit for each program in fiscal year 2023-24 and actual district expenditures in fiscal year 2023-24.

- 4 Department of Agriculture; Department of Public Safety; Department of Higher Education, Judicial Department; Department of Transportation; Department of Personnel Administration – State agencies with existing certificates of participation, the payments for which are subject to annual State appropriations, are requested to report annually, on or before September 1, to the Department of the Treasurer the following information for the full duration of the projects financed through certificates of participation: the name and total amount of the project financed; whether and when it was refinanced/refunded; the original financing date of the project; the total outstanding debt for the project; future principal payment amounts for the amortization of the debt by date and fund source; future interest payment amounts for the amortization of the debt by date and fund source; and the call feature and call dates.
- 5 Department of Early Childhood; Department of Human Services – The Departments are requested to submit annually, on or before November 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning federal Child Care Development Funds. The requested report should include the following information related to these funds for the actual, estimate, and request years: (a) the total amount of federal funds available and anticipated to be available to Colorado, including funds rolled forward from previous state fiscal years; (b) the amount of federal funds expended, estimated, or requested to be expended for these years by Long Bill line item; (c) the amount of funds expended, estimated, or requested to be expended for these years, by Long Bill line item where applicable, to be reported to the federal government as either maintenance of effort or matching funds associated with the expenditure of federal funds; and (d) the amount of funds expended, estimated, or requested to be expended for these years that are to be used to meet the four percent federal requirement related to quality activities and the federal requirement related to targeted funds. An update to the information on the amount of federal funds anticipated to be available and requested to be expended by Long Bill line item should be provided to the Joint Budget Committee annually on or before January 15.
- 6 Department of Early Childhood; Department of Human Services – The Departments are requested to submit on or before September 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning the impact of state funding and local decision-making on the TANF, child welfare, and Colorado Child Care Assistance programs. The report should engage county administrators, county human services officials, and other stakeholders to develop strategies to support the long-term sustainability of the three programs. The report should include, at a minimum, the following: an evaluation of state and local expenditures related to administration of these programs; analysis of budget practices regarding each program; recommendations that clearly delineate state responsibility and local responsibility as it

pertains to funds management and cost containment measures; and, as it pertains to CCCAP, consideration of how other states are or are not implementing federal regulations and what penalties the state may face if it does not fully implement the new federal regulations.

- 7 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Executive Director's Office and Department of Higher Education, Governing Boards, Regents of the University of Colorado – Based on agreements between the University of Colorado and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing regarding the use of Anschutz Medical Campus Funds as the State contribution to the Upper Payment Limit, the General Assembly anticipates various public benefits. The General Assembly further anticipates that any increases to funding available for this program will lead to commensurate increases in public benefits. The University of Colorado and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing are requested to submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee about the program and these benefits by October 1 each year.
- 8 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Medical Services Premiums; Indigent Care Program, Children's Basic Health Plan Medical and Dental Costs; Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Special Purpose, University of Colorado, Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities at Fitzsimons; Governing Boards, Regents of the University of Colorado; Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare, Tony Grampas Youth Services Program; Office of Early Childhood, Division of Community and Family Support, Nurse Home Visitor Program; Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures; Department of Personnel, Division of Human Resources, Employee Benefits Services, H.B. 07-1335 Supplemental State Contribution Fund; Department of Public Health and Environment, Disease Control and Public Health Response Division, Administration, General Disease Control, and Surveillance, Immunization Operating Expenses; Special Purpose Disease Control Programs, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV and AIDS Operating Expenses, and Ryan White Act Operating Expenses; Prevention Services Division, Chronic Disease Prevention Programs, Oral Health Programs; Primary Care Office – Each Department is requested to provide the following information to the Joint Budget Committee by October 1st of each year for each program funded with Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement money: the name of the program; the amount of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement money received and expended by the program for the preceding fiscal year; a description of the program including the actual number of persons served and the services provided through the program; information evaluating the operation of the program, including the effectiveness of the program in achieving its stated goals.
- 9 All Departments – The Departments are requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year responses to the following:
 - a. Based on the Department's most recent available record, what is the FTE vacancy and turnover rate: (1) by department; (2) by division; (3) by program for programs

with at least 20 FTE; and (4) by occupational class for classes that are located within a larger occupational group containing at least 20 FTE.

- b. To what does the Department attribute this turnover/vacancy experience?
- c. Do the statewide compensation policies or practices administered by the Department of Personnel help or hinder the department in addressing vacancy or turnover issues?

Department of Agriculture

- 1 Department of Agriculture, Colorado State Fair, State Fair Facilities Maintenance – The Department is requested to provide on November 1, 2025 a report on facility maintenance projects for the Colorado State Fairgrounds. This report should include the following for each facility with planned maintenance: facility name, the type and nature of maintenance, the anticipated cost of the maintenance, the expenditures to-date on the maintenance, and the anticipated completion date.
- 2 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Program Costs – The Department is requested to provide on November 1, 2025, a report on the development of climate and drought-smart agricultural markets for Colorado producers. This report should include the number of producers and acreage in the STAR Plus program, the estimated number of businesses purchasing climate and drought-smart products, the attendance at climate-smart training sessions and events, and the findings of climate-smart research conducted by Colorado State University and partner universities.
- 3 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Services, Conservation Services – The Department is requested to provide on November 1, 2025 a report on ACRE3 program performance. At a minimum, this report should include the following: number of applicants and requested funding amounts, number and amount of awards, co-funding amounts (if federal funding was also secured), type of project, and annual energy cost savings (if applicable).
- 4 Department of Agriculture, Commissioner’s Office, Agriculture Management Fund – The Department is requested to provide on November 1, 2025 a report on their FY 2024-25 expenditure and anticipated FY 2025-26 expenditure from the Agriculture Management Fund line item in the Commissioner’s Office section of the Department’s Long Bill. The report is requested to detail expenditure by project, grant, loan, and/or program.

Department of Corrections

- 1 Department of Corrections – It is requested that the Department of Corrections submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by January 2, 2026 that provides the raw data for fiscal year-to-date actual expenditures by object code and line item through November 2025 in an Excel document.

- 2 Department of Corrections, Institutions, Mental Health Subprogram – It is requested that the Department of Corrections submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee by January 31, 2026, detailing progress related to the mental health unit at the Centennial Correctional Facility.
- 3 Department of Corrections, Management, Executive Director’s Office, Incentives and Bonuses – It is requested that the Department submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2025 that shows number of clinical staff by job classification who received the \$25,000 incentive, the total incentives paid for those job classifications, and the number of those staff who received incentives that are still working for the Department at the time the report is written.

Department of Early Childhood

- 1 Department of Early Childhood, Early Learning Access and Quality, Child Care Assistance Program – The Department is requested to submit annually, on or before January 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning costs for the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program. The requested report should include the following information: (a) the changes in direct services costs from the prior year due to inflation; (b) changes in direct services costs from the prior year due to quality; and (c) changes in cost due to changes to continuity from the previous year.
- 2 Department of Early Childhood, Early Learning Access and Quality, Universal Preschool Program – the Department is requested to submit bi-annually, on or before September 1 and March 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning enrollment and expenditure data for the Universal Preschool Program. The requested report shall include the following enrollment information including actual, estimate, and request years: (a) enrollment data by age; (b) enrollment by number of hours (c) enrollment by type of provider (i.e. community-based, school district, or home-based) for all students participating in the Universal Preschool Program; and (d) total enrollment of students with an IEP broken down by age.
- 3 Department of Early Childhood – the Department is requested to submit a report no later than September 1 which describes the current status of its IT infrastructure to support program delivery, particularly as it pertains to the integration of the UPK system with existing internal systems. The requested report shall include the following: (a) estimated expenditures in FY 2023-24 pertaining to technology infrastructure building by project with a description of each project and the program(s) it serves, and (b) planned expenditures in the three years following the end of FY 2023-24 pertaining to technology infrastructure buildout and upgrades by project with a description of each project and the program(s) it serves.
- 4 The report shall also include the following expenditure information including actuals for the most recent completed fiscal year and full year projections for the upcoming fiscal year: (a) expenditures by type of enrollment for all 4-year-olds (i.e. part time, half day, full

day), (b) expenditures for 3-years-old and younger students enrolled in preschool services which are supported by UPK funding; and (c) expenditures to support students with IEP. For estimate and request years, full-year projections should be provided.

- 5 Department of Early Childhood, Community and Family Support, Early Intervention Services – The Department is requested to submit annually, on or before September 1 and March 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning caseload growth for early intervention services. The Department shall annually present an update on the Early Intervention program to the Joint Budget Committee in June and December on the status of the program. The requested reports and presentations should at a minimum include the following information: (a) the total number of early intervention services performed compared to the projected amount of early intervention services; (b) the amount of funds expended in the fiscal year from July 1 through the time period when the report is created compared to the projected spending for the same time period; and (c) the amount of any estimated gaps between the appropriation in the long bill and actual expenditures.
- 6 Department of Early Childhood, Community and Family Support, Early Intervention – The Department, in collaboration with Early Intervention brokers and, to the extent possible, other Early Intervention service providers, is requested to submit, on or before June 15 and December 15, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning agreed-upon cost containment measures which may be enacted immediately in FY 2025-26 or in FY 2026-27 to ensure the financial sustainability of the Early Intervention program while maintaining strength of service delivery for children. The cost containment measures should target savings of no less than \$1.0 million in FY 2025-26. The report should include but not be limited to analysis of the following:
 - a. Elimination of Extended Part C – Extended Part C provides services to children who have reached their third birthday but not yet started preschool. Cost containment measures listed above would reduce services for this cohort but not eliminate them. CDEC has indicated that Extended Part C saves the state money because it enhances federal financial participation; however, additional analysis should be done to examine to what extent it provides the state savings as well as assess the impact to the children receiving the gap services.
 - b. Strengthening of the eligibility determination tool – Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC). This tool is purported to over-identify children in some areas of its eligibility determinations. At the same time, training on alternative determination tools has been limited. Analysis should determine how to better strengthen its use and/or whether an alternative tool is more appropriate.
 - c. Analysis of the bifurcation of information and referral system – In 2022, CDEC assumed information and referral processes for most of the state’s EI brokers. Analysis should examine the financial impact of this decision in terms of cost to the state and in terms of efficiencies for families in navigating the system.
 - d. Review of eligibility determination criteria to ensure state dollars and services are directed to the children most in-need and with consideration given to future

financial impact for state-funded services. This analysis should include exploring if changes to eligibility, potential service limitations and an examination of chronic conditions, like chronic ear infections, which may not rise to the level of Early Intervention services need, but also to the future financial impact of *not* providing sufficient and timely services to children. This review will ensure that children most in need continue to be eligible for EI and alternative services are considered for those children who may no longer be eligible to ultimately put the program on a sustainable growth path.

- e. Continued investigation and implementation of primary service provider model using evidence-based practices. This should take into consideration medically complex children whose needs may not be adequately met with this model of service delivery.
 - f. Analysis of payment and contracting execution timelines for Early Intervention to identify pain points as well as simplifications or solutions.
 - g. Evaluation of whether program modeling for future costs may be best accomplished through a contract with another state agency with greater resources to model costs, including but not limited to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.
 - h. Review of private insurance billing systems and investigation of potential cost sharing mechanisms which would maximize state resources for the children and families facing the greatest financial barriers to these services.
- 7 Department of Early Childhood, Partnerships and Collaborations, Local Coordinating Organizations and Early Childhood Councils – The Department is requested to submit on or before September 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning duties and expenses related to the Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs) and Early Childhood Councils (ECCs). The requested report should include following information:
- a. An overview of LCOs and ECCs including their roles and responsibilities in early childhood services, their legislative or administrative origins, and any known collaboration or overlap of their functions;
 - b. The organizational structure and history of LCOs and ECCs including year(s) of establishment, legislative or administrative mandates, initial purpose, evolution of roles and functions over time, what types of organizations or entities serve as LCOs, how often a single organization fulfills both roles of LCO and ECC and how the roles are managed;
 - c. The roles and functions of LCOs and ECCs including primary responsibilities and areas of focus for each compared to the other, how LCOs and ECCs currently collaborate or interact, and what the defined boundaries or guidelines for the division of responsibilities are between the two entities;

- d. The redundancies and efficiencies between LCOs and ECCs including in service delivery, administration, funding, what the known efficiencies are in their collaboration or distinction, and how stakeholders perceive the overlaps or duplications;
 - e. The funding and budgetary details including what the current funding streams are for LCOs and ECCs are including state, local, federal or private, and what overlaps or inefficiencies in funding allocations are present;
 - f. The administrative functions of each entity including what percentage of their budgets are allocated to administrative costs versus direct services or system improvements;
 - g. The governance and accountability of each including their structure, how they are held accountable for achieving goals and results, and what the performance metrics or evaluation frameworks are for each;
 - h. The operational practices of each including how they address community needs, engage stakeholders, what challenges exist for each, and what examples of best practices or innovative approaches are unique to LCOs and ECCs.
- 8 Department of Early Childhood, Partnerships and Collaborations, Early Learning Access and Quality, Family and Community Services – The Department is requested to submit on or before September 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning expenses and governance related to grant programs overseen by the Department. The requested report should include following information: (a) how many grant programs are administered by or through the Department; (b) how the grants through each grant program are administered; (c) how many grants are awarded through each grant program; (d) the average grant awarded to each awardee for each program; (e) how many families and how many children are served by the grant programs; and (f) the administrative costs related to administering each grant program.
- 9 Department of Early Childhood, Early Learning Access and Quality, Child Care Assistance Program and Universal Preschool Program – The Department, in collaboration with Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs) and local Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) administrators, is requested to submit on or before September 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning the overlap in services and funding for children dually enrolled in CCCAP and Universal Preschool (UPK). The report should include the following: (a) how many children are dually enrolled in CCCAP and UPK; (b) to what extent funding for dually enrolled children is or can be stacked; (c) to what extent funding for dually enrolled children is or can be blended or braided; (d) which funding stream is or should be “first in” for dually enrolled children; and (e) how information regarding dually enrolled children is shared between programs.

Department of Education

- 1 Department of Education; and Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind – The Department of Education and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind are requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by September 1, 2025, detailed information concerning each entity’s implementation of the recommendations of the independent review panel for the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. The requested information should include both detail on the progress made to date and each entity’s plans going forward.
- 2 Department of Education, School Quality and Support, Schools of Choice, Supplemental On-line Education Services – The Department is requested to work with interested stakeholders to review the adequacy of funding for the Colorado Empowered Learning (CEL) program. As part of this review, the Department is requested to:
 - a. Assess the growth and demand for the program, including participation trends and areas of unmet need.
 - b. Evaluate whether additional funding would enhance the availability, accessibility, and quality of online and blended course offerings and professional development opportunities for educators.
 - c. Examine how the program aligns with state educational goals, including equity in access for underserved populations, workforce readiness, and student outcomes.
 - d. Identify any potential barriers to program expansion and recommend strategies to address them.

The Department is requested to submit a report of its review, along with any recommendations, by November 1st, 2025.

Governor – Lieutenant Governor – State Planning and Budgeting

- 1 Office of the Governor, Office of State Planning and Budgeting – The Office is requested to provide on, or before, November 1, a report on initiatives or expenditures that rely on gifts, grants, and donations. For each initiative or project, the report should include the name, a description, the amount, the source, and the number of FTE supported.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

- 1 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Executive Director's Office – The Department is requested to submit monthly Medicaid expenditure and caseload reports on the Medical Services Premiums, behavioral health capitation, and the intellectual and developmental disabilities line items to the Joint Budget Committee, by the fifteenth or first business day following the fifteenth of each month. The Department is requested to include in the report the managed care organization caseload by aid category. The Department is also requested to provide caseload and expenditure data for the Children's Basic Health Plan, the Medicare Modernization Act State Contribution Payment, and the Old Age Pension State Medical Program within the monthly report. The Department is also requested to include in the report the number of applications and the number of approvals for new intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, including the number of beds and the cost of those beds.
- 2 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Behavioral Health Community Programs – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1, discussing member utilization of capitated behavioral health services in the prior fiscal year and the Regional Accountable Entity's (RAE's) performance on network provider expansion, timeliness of processing provider claims within contract requirements, and timeliness of credentialing and contracting network providers. The report should include aggregated data on the number of members accessing inpatient and residential mental health treatment, inpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment, outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services, and alternative services allowed under the Department's waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For Calendar Year 2023, the Department shall report aggregated provider data by quarter showing changes in the number of providers contracted, monthly claims processing timeframes by each RAE, and timeliness of provider credentialing and contracting by each RAE. Also, please discuss differences in the performance of the RAEs, how the Department monitors these performance measures, and any actions the Department has taken to improve RAE performance and client behavioral health outcomes.
- 3 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Medical Services Premiums – The Joint Budget Committee requests that the Department submit reports by November 1, 2025, and November 1, 2026, describing how the funding for prepayment claims reviews is getting used, including the services prioritized for prepayment claims reviews and why, and the savings achieved.
- 4 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Other Medical Services, Public School Health Services – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1 of each year to the Joint Budget Committee on the services that receive reimbursement from the federal government under the S.B. 97-101 public school health services program. The

report is requested to include information on the type of services, how those services meet the definition of medical necessity, and the total amount of federal dollars that were distributed to each school under the program. The report should also include information on how many children were served by the program.

- 5 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Behavioral Health Community Programs – The Department is requested to provide, by November 1, a report on implementation of the youth system of care pursuant to GA v Bimestefer. The report should include, but is not limited to, the following information:
 - a. A description of the implementation plan as approved by the plaintiffs. The description should include the services included in the plan, implementation phases, and the services included in each phase.
 - b. The number of youth expected to be served in each implementation phase.
 - c. Estimated funding required to fully implement the system of care plan.
 - d. The number of high fidelity wraparound and intensive care coordination providers, and the number of youth that received these services in FY 2024-25.
- 6 Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Behavioral Health Community Programs – The Department is requested to provide, by June 6, 2025, a description of efforts to implement Section 25.5-5.202, C.R.S., related to the transition of residential treatment for child welfare youth to behavioral health capitation. The Department is requested to collaborate with other state departments and stakeholders as necessary to develop responses. The report should include the following information.
 - a. Information regarding the current utilization of youth residential treatment, including:
 - I. The total number of child welfare and non-child welfare youth in QRTP and PRTF placements in the prior fiscal year;
 - II. The average length of stay for child welfare and non-child welfare youth in QRTP and PRTF placements in the prior fiscal year;
 - III. The number of youth who were determined to not meet medical necessity, but no step-down service was available in the prior fiscal year;
 - IV. The number of youth who re-entered the hospital or emergency services within 3 months of discharge from a QRTP or PRTF in the prior fiscal year;
 - V. A description of the availability of step-down services across the state.
 - b. The process for determining medical necessity, including but not limited to:
 - I. A description of the factors considered for determining medical necessity;
 - II. How the availability of appropriate step-down services factors into medical necessity determinations;

- III. The anticipated length of time from medical necessity determination to discharge;
 - IV. The Department's efforts to collaborate with QRTP and PRTF providers, hospitals, county departments of human services, and families to determine medical necessity procedures.
 - c. The anticipated process for discharge, transition, and aftercare planning, including but not limited to:
 - I. How and when discharge, transition, and aftercare plans will be developed; and
 - II. Efforts to include families, providers, hospitals, and counties in collaborative treatment teams, transition, discharge, and aftercare planning.
 - d. The anticipated financing structure, including but not limited to:
 - I. The anticipated timing of payments and authorizations from RAEs to residential providers;
 - II. Efforts to assist providers, counties, and families in connecting with RAEs to ensure access to benefits;
 - III. Efforts to ensure sustainable, long-term funding for child welfare youth in need of residential treatment.

Department of Higher Education

- 1 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1, 2025, outlining its departmental indirect cost assessment calculations and detailing its methodology for collecting departmental indirect costs. Statewide costs assessments are already accounted for in a separate report accessible to staff.
- 2 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1 of each year demonstrating that its annual funding request for centrally-appropriated amounts is similar to the amount that would be provided if Department staff were enrolled in state plans. The Department is further requested to submit, as part of the annual request for common policy benefits adjustments, templates that reflect the benefit selection for each member of the Department's staff in a manner that will enable health benefits for these staff to be calculated consistent with common policy. The templates are expected to contain July data on health benefits actually selected by Department staff and related staff benefit elections to comparable state plan premiums.
- 3 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration – The Department is requested to submit a report by October 1, 2025, which evaluates the Department administration's workload capacity in accounting,

contracting, budget office, and technology units as compared to other state agencies. The Department should conduct this analysis in collaboration with other departments, including but not limited to the Colorado Department of Education. The report should include information regarding work hours for each FTE in each of the units and whether additional FTE or technology may be warranted. Additionally, the report must evaluate whether intra-departmental agreements may be leveraged to provide the Department additional support in these areas if the evaluation demonstrates such support is warranted.

- 4 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Special Purpose Programs, Special Purpose, WICHE- Optometry – The Department is requested to submit a report on or before September 1 which analyzes the debt repayment process for individuals engaged in debt repayment plans. The report should include recommendations on how the process may be better structured or better positioned to recover outstanding debts, including but not limited to partnerships with other Departments which may be better situated to assist in this process.
- 5 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Special Purpose Programs, Special Purpose, Growing Great Teachers – Teacher Mentor Grants – The Department is requested to submit a report on or before September 1 which provides detail regarding teacher retention rates for mentors and mentees participating in the grant program.
- 6 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Special Purpose Programs, Administration; Governing Boards – The Department is requested to collaborate with the institutions of higher education and other interested individuals and entities to develop and begin to disseminate a statewide affordability message to help students, parents, and K-12 administrators better understand that that low income students are unlikely to pay tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education. The Department has received funding to support 1.0 FTE term-limited position for two years for this project, which may be used for several part-time individuals and contractors with appropriate skill-sets as the Department deems appropriate. The Department is requested to take the following steps.
 - a. Convene a workgroup to help and inform the college affordability project described below. This should include representatives from postsecondary institutions, K-12 institutions, parents, students, community organizations, and other interested parties.
 - b. Solicit financial aid and other data from higher education institutions, and convene higher education enrollment managers, financial aid managers, and other higher education leaders and financial aid experts to identify clear, consistent, and factually accurate information that describes the tuition and fees low income students pay at public institutions of higher education. This should include identifying which students pay no tuition or fees and should, at a minimum, apply to first-time students who are eligible for federal financial assistance. Information

should be related to family income levels and familiar public benefits, such as Medicaid or food assistance, rather than the technical terminology used by financial aid professionals.

- c. Work with institutions to identify changes to institutional financial aid policies that would further clarify such a message and, if relevant, determine the additional state funding that would be required to support changes to financial aid policies and thus strengthen the statewide message.
- d. Solicit input from students, parents, K-12 leaders, high school counselors, community organizations, postsecondary enrollment managers, public relations professionals, and other interested individuals to combine the information gathered under paragraphs (2) and (3) to identify the affordability message that students and families believe will be most effective, as well as to help identify the best mechanisms for disseminating this information.
- e. Develop a statewide affordability messaging toolkit for use by K-12 staff, as well as post-secondary institutions, community organizations, and other interested parties, that can be used over time across the state to further a common statewide understanding of college affordability.

The Department is requested to submit a final report on the project on November 1, 2025.

- 7 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration; and Governing Boards – The Department is requested to coordinate the following annual data submissions to the Joint Budget Committee and Legislative Council Staff to support tuition, fee, and stipend revenue estimates used for appropriations and informational amounts included in the Long Bill.

By November 10, 2025: Submit budget data books for each of the governing boards that provide detail on education and general revenue and expenditures for each institution for the most recent actual year (FY 2024-25) and the current estimate year (FY 2025-26).

- a. Include estimate-year FY 2025-26 full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment data for resident undergraduate and graduate students and non-resident undergraduate and graduate students, in addition to actual year FY 2024-25 student FTE data. FY 2025-26 student FTE estimates should be those used to develop the FY 2025-26 revenue and expenditure estimates in the data books.
- b. Identify actual FY 2024-25 and budgeted FY 2025-26 student FTE eligible for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend in the budget data book submission.
- c. As part of the submission, the Department is requested to identify actual and estimated expenditures of federal stimulus funds used to support institutional operations, if applicable.

- d. The Department is requested to provide separately the actual and estimated revenue from mandatory fees using the definitions established by the Department of Higher Education for mandatory fees.
- e. To improve legislative understanding of the basis for amounts in the budget data books, as part of this submission the Department is also requested to coordinate an explanation of policies that undergird the budget data books, such as staff salary compensation pools, targeted compensation allocations (e.g., to particular staff), benefits, and special projects for actual year FY 2024-25 and budget year FY 2025-26. The Department is requested to collect this information from the institutions in a consistent format that is coordinated with Joint Budget Committee Staff.

By December 15, 2025: Submit fall 2025 student FTE census data. This should include resident undergraduate and graduate and non-resident undergraduate and graduate FTE figures for each governing board and institutional break-outs for those governing boards that oversee multiple institutions.

By February 15, 2026: Submit revised estimate year FY 2025-26 and request year FY 2026-27 revenue and enrollment data for each governing board, along with the comparable FY 2024-25 actual data for context. Include data at the institutional level for the University of Colorado and Colorado State University Systems.

- a. For each year, include FTE enrollment and revenue estimates for resident undergraduate and graduate students and non-resident undergraduate and graduate students. The data should clearly separate revenue associated with each of these four categories, where applicable.
- b. Include annotations explaining assumptions, including tuition and fee rate and enrollment assumptions for the FY 2026-27 request year.
- c. Consistent with the requirements of Section 23-18-202 (2)(a)(I), C.R.S., also include an update on the number of student FTE estimated to be eligible for COF stipends FY 2025-26 based on the most recent data available (different from the figures used to establish initial stipend appropriations).
- d. Include actual and estimated expenditures of federal stimulus funds, if applicable., indicating the portion of such funds used for education and general purposes.
- e. Include actual and estimated revenue from mandatory fees using the definitions established by the Department of Higher Education for mandatory fees.
- f. To further improve the quality of the 2026 session forecast, complete additional survey materials to be distributed by Legislative Council Staff addressing current year incoming, first-time student undergraduate fall resident and nonresident class size (FTE); estimated current year graduating (outgoing) undergraduate resident and nonresident class size (FTE); occurrence of tuition guarantees for current year and out-year and impacted student populations (undergrads and grads, resident

and nonresident, and among campuses, as applicable); number of concurrent enrollment students in current year FTE estimate; and whether concurrent enrollment student tuition is reflected in current year tuition revenue estimates and in the forecast.

- 8 Department of Higher Education, History Colorado, Central Administration, History Colorado Strategic Plan Initiatives – History Colorado is requested to submit a report by November 1, 2025 outlining program expenditures and outcomes related to the History Colorado Strategic Plan Initiatives. The institution should include performance metrics for each strategic initiative over the life of the appropriation.
- 9 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration – The Department should continue its efforts to provide data on the efficiency and effectiveness of state financial aid in expanding access to higher education for Colorado residents. The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee by December 1 of each year an evaluation of financial aid programs, which should include, but not be limited to: (1) an estimate of the amount of federal, institutional, and private resources (including tax credits) devoted to financial aid; (2) the number of recipients from all sources; (3) information on typical awards; and (4) the typical debt loads of graduates. The Department is requested to provide more in-depth data on the financial aid awarded at the state's public institutions, by institution. This should include further information on the use of institutional aid, including the extent to which such aid is awarded to residents versus non-residents, for financial need versus merit, and the extent to which merit-based aid is awarded to students who qualify on the basis of need, whether or not the aid was classified as merit-based. Beginning no later than the report due December 1, 2026, this report should also include information on institutional promise programs, indicating the number of students qualifying for such programs at each institution and the federal, state, and institutional financial aid used for these students.
- 10 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Special Purpose, Tuition/Enrollment Contingency – The Department is requested to provide information on the amount of Tuition Enrollment Contingency funds distributed to any governing board and whether the governing board complied with Colorado Commission on Higher Education tuition policy and intended limits on undergraduate rates expressed in Long Bill footnotes. This information, as it applies to actual expenditures in FY 2023-24 should be provided by November 1, 2024, and as it applies to actual expenditures in FY 2024-25 should be provided by November 1, 2025.

Department of Human Services

- 1 Department of Human Services, Administration and Finance, Administration – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each fiscal year, a report including aggregate data by program area and job classification for the previous five fiscal years, including, but not limited to: employee recruitment and

retention activities; time-to-fill (positions) data; staff turn-over rates; and direct care professional to client ratios.

- 2 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Youth Services, Institutional Programs – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1 of each fiscal year, that includes the following monthly data for each State-owned and operated facility for the previous fiscal year:
 - a. Number of suspected youth overdoses;
 - b. Number of youth deaths due to suspected overdose;
 - c. Number of assaults by type (e.g. juvenile on staff, staff on juvenile, juvenile on juvenile);
 - d. The number and type of sexual assaults;
 - e. Number of homicides;
 - f. Number of suicides;
 - g. Number of new crimes reported to local police;
 - h. Number of direct care staff at each facility (Youth Services Specialists);
 - i. Average length of service for direct care staff (Youth Services Specialists);
 - j. Ratio of direct care staff to youth;
 - k. Number of hours of missed work by all direct care facility staff and reason for absence (e.g. injury on the job, sick leave, planned absence, unplanned absence, vacation);
 - l. Amount of overtime hours worked by direct care staff and purpose (e.g. covering a shift for an absent co-worker) at each facility;
 - m. Amount of temporary help hours used for direct care purposes;
 - n. The number and type of worker's compensation injuries that occurred; and
 - o. Amount of time missed by employees due to work-place injuries.
- 3 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Youth Services, Community Programs, S.B. 91-094 Programs – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee no later than November 1 of each fiscal year a report that includes the following information by judicial district and for the state as a whole: (1) comparisons of trends in detention and commitment incarceration rates; (2) profiles of youth served by S.B. 91-094; (3) progress in achieving the performance goals established by each judicial district; (4) the level of local funding for alternatives to detention; and (5) identification and discussion of potential policy issues with the types of youth incarcerated, length of stay, and available alternatives to incarceration.
- 4 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by

November 1 of each fiscal year, information on county child welfare worker staffing, including county data on: (1) caseload ratios by county; (2) actual staffing levels; (3) new hires funded by the child welfare block grant; (4) new hires funded through county level child welfare staffing funding; (5) workload and funding allocation comparisons by county for each type of block allocation; (6) performance metrics concerning the training of and support provided to case workers; (7) how each of the previous data categories support successful outcomes for children served in the child welfare system; and (8) a description of each outcome and how it is measured.

- 5 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare, Child Welfare Services – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each fiscal year, the following information for each county:
 - a. The actual use of funds allocated to counties through the child welfare services, county staffing, and core services block allocations, including data on previous fiscal year expenses and children service by funding category. At minimum such data should include the following: (a) program services expenditures, including the cost of services delivered through county staff and the cost of services delivered through contract providers; and the average cost per open involvement per year; (b) out-of-home placement care expenditures and the average cost per child per day; and (c) subsidized adoption expenditures and the average payment per child per day.
 - b. The forecast cost, by county, of fully funding the child welfare system in the current and subsequent fiscal years as determined by the funding model required by S.B. 18-254 (Child Welfare Reforms).
- 6 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each fiscal year, information concerning the gross amount of payments to child welfare service providers, including amounts that were paid using child welfare block or core services allocation funds and any other revenue source. The Department is requested to identify amounts, by source, for the last two actual fiscal years.
- 7 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Division of Child Welfare – The Department is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between division line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to Long Bill Footnote 34. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 8 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare, and Totals – The Department is requested to provide a report to the Joint Budget Committee by October 1 of each fiscal year concerning the amount of federal revenues earned by the State for the previous fiscal year pursuant to Title IV-E of the Social Security

Act, as amended; the amount of money that was expended for the previous state fiscal year, including information concerning the purposes of the expenditures; and the amount of money that was credited to the Excess Federal Title IV-E Reimbursements Cash Fund created in Section 26-1-111 (2)(d)(II)(C), C.R.S.

- 9 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare, Performance-based Collaborative Management Incentives and Collaborative Management Program Administration and Evaluation – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each year, an evaluation report of the Performance-based Collaborative Management Program, including but not limited to the following factors:
 - a. The Department's process for evaluating program performance and awarding incentive funds;
 - b. The number of counties that participated in the program in FY 2023-24;
 - c. The amount of incentive funds awarded by county in FY 2023-24;
 - d. The evaluation metrics used by county for process and performance measures in FY 2023-24; and,
 - e. Data collected by the Department or provided by counties to evaluate youth outcomes in the program.
- 10 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare, Adoption Savings – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each fiscal year, the programs supported by this line item in the previous fiscal year, including the total funds allocated to each program.
- 11 Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare – The Department is requested to submit Schedule 9 cash fund reports for the Child Welfare Cash Fund (Section 26-6-921 (4), C.R.S.) and the Performance-based Collaborative Management Incentives cash fund (Section 24-1.9-104, C.R.S.).
- 12 Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Security – The Department is requested to submit annually through 2025, on or before January 1, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning fair hearings conducted for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The requested report should include the following information:
 - a. the total number of SNAP fair hearings conducted internally at CDHS and the total number of SNAP fair hearings that involve a second program and were thus conducted at the Office of Administrative Courts (OAC);
 - b. the percentage of internal hearings and the percentage of OAC fair hearings conducted that met the federal timeliness standards;
 - c. the number of internal hearings that utilized a certified interpreter and the number that used a non-certified interpreter;

- d. an overview of the training that is provided to staff working on Fair Hearings at the Office of Appeals; and
 - e. a description of measures used to ensure that the internal hearing process is independent from the CDHS Office of Appeals and CDHS SNAP operations.
- 13 Department of Human Services, Office of Economic Security, Food and Energy Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administration – The Department is requested to submit quarterly updates beginning July 1, 2024 on the federal corrective action plan to address Application Processing Timeliness (APT) rates that are below the federally required minimum and the actions taken by the department to bring the State into compliance.
- 14 Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration – The Department is requested to provide the following information no later than November 1:
 - a. the number of comprehensive and essential providers;
 - b. the amount of funding distributed to each comprehensive safety net provider under each programmatic contract for the last three fiscal years, as well as the estimated amounts for the budget year;
 - c. a summary of the methodology for the allocation of such funds among the comprehensive safety net providers, and how any such allocations have changed over that period, including with the addition of new comprehensive safety net providers; and
 - d. a description of how the Department expects any such allocations to change with the implementation of the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations.

In addition, the response should include information on how the system going forward will account for additional comprehensive and essential safety net providers.

- 15 Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration – The BHA is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a line item structure aligned to current programming. The BHA is requested to work with BHASOs, comprehensive providers, and essential providers, to determine a budget structure that optimizes existing resources and provides public transparency. In developing the proposed structure, the BHA should also consider the historical intent of state community mental health funding to prioritize services for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness and reflect how these priorities are addressed within the integrated behavioral health system. The report should include information to tie existing appropriations to the newly proposed structure.
- 16 Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration – The BHA is requested to provide, by November 1, the following information related to the 988 Enterprise.
 - a. The amount of revenue received for the last three fiscal years;
 - b. The expenses for the 988 hotline and Colorado Crisis Hotline for the last three fiscal years;

- c. The number of calls and chats received for the last three fiscal years by the 988 hotline and the Colorado Crisis Hotline;
 - d. A description of the current status of consolidating the Colorado Crisis Hotline into the 988 enterprise pursuant to S.B. 25-236; and,
 - e. A description of public awareness campaigns related to the consolidation of the 988 hotline and Colorado Crisis Hotline.
- 17 Department of Human Services, Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services, Aging Programs, Community Services for the Elderly – The Department is requested to submit a report by November 1 of each year on Older Americans Act Funds received and anticipated to be received, and the match requirements for these funds. The report should also specify the amount of funds, if any, that were transferred between the State Funding for Senior Services line item and the Older Americans Act Programs line item in the prior actual fiscal year to comply with federal match requirements.
 - 18 Department of Human Services, Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services, Aging Programs, Community Services for the Elderly – The Department is requested to submit annually, on or before November 1, a report to that provides the cost to eliminate waitlists for each service type for services provided to older adults by the state’s Area Agencies on Aging.
 - 19 Department of Human Services, Office of Adult, Aging, and Disability Services, Regional Centers for People with Developmental Disabilities – The Department is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, the monthly census for each Regional Center by licensure type since the beginning of the fiscal year, and annual cost per capita for each Regional Center by licensure type, including the Regional Center costs for utilities, depreciation, indirect costs, and centrally appropriated personnel items.
 - 20 Department of Human Services, Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health, Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan – The Department is requested to provide by November 1, information on the current status of capital projects authorized by H.B. 22-1283 (Youth and Family Behavioral Health Care) and H.B. 22-1303, including the estimated timeline for project completion, and the estimated timeline for hiring new staff. Projects should include the youth neuro-psych facility established by H.B. 22-1283, and the G-wing renovation and State Residential Group Home beds established by H.B. 22-1303.
 - 21 Department of Human Services, Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health, Consent Decree Fines and Fees – The Department is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, the actual monthly fines and fees paid by the Department in the prior fiscal year related to the Consent Decree resulting from the *Center for Legal Advocacy (d/b/a Disability Law Colorado) v. Barnes and Marshall (Colorado Department of Human Services)*.
 - 22 Department of Human Services, Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health – The Department is requested to provide, by November 1 of each fiscal year, the following monthly data for the prior fiscal year related to competency caseload:

- a. The number of court ordered competency evaluations;
 - b. The number of court ordered outpatient restoration services;
 - c. The number of court ordered inpatient restoration services;
 - d. The number of people on the competency restoration wait list;
 - e. The average wait time for competency evaluation;
 - f. The range of wait time for competency evaluation;
 - g. The average wait time for outpatient competency restoration services;
 - h. The range of wait time for outpatient competency restoration;
 - i. The average wait time for inpatient competency restoration services;
 - j. The range of wait time for inpatient competency restoration services; and
 - k. Estimated number of inpatient competency restoration beds.
- 23 Department of Human Services, Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health – The Department is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between division line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2024-25 Long Bill Footnote 48. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 24 Department of Human Services, Totals – The Department is requested to submit a report concerning the status of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. The requested report should include the following:
- a. an analysis of the TANF Long Term Reserve, including estimated TANF funds available for appropriation, estimated TANF appropriations by Long Bill line item, and the estimated closing Long Term Reserve balance, for the most recent actual fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the request fiscal year;
 - b. an analysis of the TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) payments, showing the actual and forecasted MOE expenditures, by program, for the most recent actual fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and the request fiscal year; and
 - c. an analysis of the counties' TANF reserve balances that includes, for each county, for the most recent actual fiscal year, the starting TANF Reserve Account balances for the Works Program, Title XX, and Child Care Development Fund accounts, the annual TANF allocation, the total expenditures, the net transfers to child care and child welfare, any amounts remitted to the state, and the closing reserve balance for all county TANF accounts.

The report should be provided to the Joint Budget Committee annually on or before November 1. An update to this information reflecting data at the close of the federal fiscal year should be provided to the Joint Budget Committee annually on or before January 1.

- 25 Department of Human Services, All Divisions – The Department is requested to provide, by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year pursuant to Section 24-75-106, C.R.S. This information should include:
- a. the line item in which the funds originated,
 - b. the line item to which the funds were transferred,
 - c. the amount of each transfer,
 - d. the fund split for each transfer, and
 - e. the purpose of the transfer.

Department of Labor and Employment

- 1 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Unemployment Insurance – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2025, a report detailing its plan to reduce state-financed technology and administrative expenditures to the Unemployment Insurance program and how such reductions are represented in the Department’s FY 2026-27 budget request.
- 2 Department of Labor and Employment, Executive Director’s Office, Colorado Disability Opportunity Office – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each fiscal year, a report sharing a review and summary of the activity of, information on, and data on the programs that the Colorado Disability Opportunity Office administered during the prior state fiscal year. This includes data on grants awarded by the Colorado Disability Funding Committee, including:
 - a. Number of recipients of Disability Application Assistance Grant and New and Innovative Grant recipients, respectively;
 - b. Types of organizations (e.g., non-profits, county departments of human services, county departments of social services, etc.) who received grants;
 - c. Types of programs and projects funded; and
 - d. Outcomes from grant awards, including the number of individuals served.
- 3 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics, Labor Standards – For the new wage theft payment program established in S.B. 23-231 (Amend Fund to Allow Payment Overdue Wage Claims), the Department is requested to provide a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1st of each fiscal year with data on:
 - a. The number of employees that received wage payments from the Wage Theft Enforcement Fund;

- b. The average amount per payment, and total amount of wages paid out from the Wage Theft Enforcement Fund; and
 - c. Wage payments recouped by the Division from employers.
- 4 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Labor Standards and Statistics, Labor Standards – For the new Strategic Wage Education with Employers Program (SWEEP), the Department is requested to provide a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1st of each fiscal year with data on:
 - a. Number of employers with apparent labor violations who are contacted to offer voluntary compliance assistance through the SWEEP program;
 - b. Number of employers curing violations in response to SWEEP outreach;
 - c. Percentage of employers contacted through SWEEP who agree to cure violations through the offer of voluntary compliance assistance.

This annual report will also include analyses of:

- a. Number of employers curing violations through SWEEP versus through traditional enforcement;
 - b. The outcomes of the SWEEP program across types of violations; and
 - c. The outcomes of the SWEEP program across different industries.
- 5 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Programs – The Department is requested to provide a report by November 1st of each fiscal year on the number of individuals receiving vocational rehabilitation services, including: a break-down by category of the number of individuals receiving services and the number for whom a determination is pending; the average cost by category of services; the most recent actual fiscal year and projected current fiscal year expenditures, and the projected balance of the State's federal vocational rehabilitation account. The Department is also requested to provide data on vocational rehabilitation employment outcomes, including Employment First outcomes.
- 6 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living Services, Office of Independent Living Services – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1st of each fiscal year, its annual report on independent living services and outcomes. As part of this report, the Department is requested to include data on the distribution of state funds to independent living centers and the numbers of clients served.
- 7 Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Workers' Compensation, Workers' Compensation – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1st of each year, an update on the number of workers' compensation claims for the past five years.
- 8 Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Unemployment Insurance – The Division is requested to identify key performance indicators for the state's

unemployment insurance programs that indicate how promptly and effectively the Division is responding to the needs of unemployed Coloradans. The Department is encouraged to identify the report elements it believes would be most relevant and helpful for internal and external stakeholders and to work with the Governor's Office, JBC staff, and other interested parties to develop report components. The Department is requested to provide the report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1st of each fiscal year. The Division will report on:

- a. The total number of existing claims;
- b. The claims processing backlog;
- c. The mean and median processing times for UI claims;
- d. The percentage of claims flagging as fraudulent; and
- e. The percentage of claims investigated and found to be fraudulent.

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Executive Director's Office, Appropriation to the Colorado National Guard Tuition Waiver Fund – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1 of each year, information concerning the total amount of payments to each institution of Higher Education for the tuition waiver program as well as the number of CONG members at each institution of Higher Education participating in the program. Additionally, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, DMA should identify the full or part-time student status of CONG members receiving a tuition waiver and their financial aid eligibility status. Finally, the Department should indicate all numbers utilized in the formula for the calculation of the appropriation requested for the tuition waiver program for the current budget year. All data provided should be anonymized.

Department of Natural Resources

- 1 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife – The Division of Parks and Wildlife is requested to provide the Joint Budget Committee with actual expenditures for the prior fiscal year and estimated expenditures and awards/distributions expected in the next budget year for informational-only sources included in the State Park Operations line item and the Wildlife Operations line item. The Division is also requested to include a technical adjustment in its annual November 1 budget request that represents its best estimate for informational-only expenditures in the State Park Operations line item and the Wildlife Operations line item. The report is requested to be submitted by November 1, every year.
- 2 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, Inactive Mines, Program Costs – The Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety is requested to

include in its annual budget request a report detailing all expenditures made in the previous year from this line item. The report should include but not be limited to: (1) Non-project expenditures: (a) spending type, (b) FTE allocation, (c) total expenditure; and (d) fund sources and fund source splits. (2) Project expenditures: (a) project name; (b) project type; (c) geographic location; (d) period of work on-site; (e) total expenditure and FTE allocation; and (f) fund sources and fund source split. The Division is requested to include any other data points, details, or comments that more fully express or explain the expenditure experience from this line item.

- 3 Department of Natural Resources, Energy and Carbon Management Commission, Program Costs – The Department of Natural Resources is requested to include in its annual budget request a report on the performance of the risk-based inspection program. The report should provide information on the activities of the Facilities Integrity group, the inspection process for piping and flowlines, and the metrics used to measure the performance and effectiveness of the Facilities Integrity program.
- 4 Department of Natural Resources, Energy and Carbon Management Commission, Orphaned Wells Mitigation Enterprise – The Energy and Carbon Management Commission is requested to include in its annual budget request a report detailing all enterprise revenues collected, federal funds received, and expenditures made in the previous year from this line item and from funding received through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and an inventory of all known orphaned wells that are in the process of being plugged and reclaimed or remain to be plugged and reclaimed.
- 5 Department of Natural Resources, Energy and Carbon Management Commission, Emergency Response – The Energy and Carbon Management Commission is requested to include in its annual budget request a report detailing all expenditures made in the previous year from this line item.
- 6 Department of Natural Resources, Energy and Carbon Management Commission, Special Environmental Protection and Mitigation Studies – The Energy and Carbon Management Commission is requested to include in its annual budget request a report detailing all expenditures made in the previous year from this line item.
- 7 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Operations, Wildlife Operations – On November 1, 2025, the Department is requested to provide a report on wolf depredation incidents and compensation in Colorado for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. The report should include:
 - a. A list of all incidents, including date, county, claim status, claim amount, and the number of animals affected.
 - b. Separated by fiscal year, a summary of:
 - c. Total number and cost of claims paid,
 - d. Amount paid from the General Fund, Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund, and other funds,

- e. Number and cost of claims that utilized the basic compensation ratio,
 - f. Number and cost of claims that utilized the itemized production losses option – please separate between direct losses and indirect losses.
- 8 Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Operations, Wildlife Operations – On June 10, 2025 and September 10, 2025, the Division of Parks and Wildlife is requested to provide the Joint Budget Committee with a report including progress on preventative measures to reduce wolf-livestock conflict outlined during the Parks and Wildlife Commission’s denial of a citizen petition to halt wolf reintroduction on January 8, 2025, and information on whether the Department of Natural Resources has spent or is planning to spend state funding on new wolf releases.

This progress update should, at a minimum, include the following information:

- a. The total number of range riders placed across the state, by month and in which counties;
- b. Detail on the composition and activities of depredation response operation teams, and the areas that they are responsible for;
- c. The number of and types of additional nonlethal conflict techniques implemented;
- d. The number of site assessments conducted by month;
- e. The number of community members assisted by Department of Agriculture or Department of Natural Resources carcass management programs;
- f. Information on whether the Department of Natural Resources has expended funds on new wolf releases; and
- g. The amount of money that the Division of Parks and Wildlife has spent related to wolf reintroduction every month, separated by purpose (personal services, operating, wolf compensation, and conflict minimization).

The June report should include information from January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025. The September report should include information from January 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025.

Department of Personnel

- 1 Department of Personnel, Executive Director’s Office, Statewide Special Purpose, Colorado State Employees Assistance Program – The Department is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a report to the Joint Budget Committee concerning the Colorado State Employee Assistance Program (CSEAP). The requested report should include, at a minimum, the following information: (a) Program services provided, by service type, for FY 2024-25; (b) utilization of counseling services by agency for FY 2024-25; (c) wait times for counseling services for calendar 2024 and 2025; and (d) aggregated participant satisfaction survey results. All data provided should be anonymized and HIPPA compliant.

- 2 Department of Personnel, Executive Director's Office, Statewide Special Purpose, Colorado Equity Office – The Department is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the status of the Colorado Equity Office, including progress toward meeting its statutory responsibility as established in Section 24-50-146 (2)(b). In addition, the Department is requested to provide an accounting of those positions across the various state agencies that are tasked with explicitly addressing issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- 3 Department of Personnel, Executive Director's Office, Statewide Special Purpose, Other Statewide Special Purpose, Public-Private Collaboration Unit – The Department is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the status of public-private partnerships management by the Public-Private Collaboration Unit. This report should include for each project at least the following information:
 - a. project name;
 - b. project description, which should include:
 - I. the date the partnership was formally entered;
 - II. the date the project will, or did, begin;
 - III. the date the partnership or project will, or was, completed
 - c. project budget;
 - d. project expenditures to date;
 - e. anticipated project cost; and
 - f. anticipated project revenue.

The report should also detail the personal services and operating costs of the Public-Private Collaboration Unit for FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 (estimated), and FY 2026-27 (estimated). In addition to the project-specific information provided, the Department is requested to provide a Schedule 9 for the Unused State-owned Real Property Fund created in Section 24-82-102.5 (5)(a), C.R.S.).

Department of Public Health and Environment

- 1 Department of Public Health and Environment; Office of Health Equity and Environmental Justice, Disease Control and Public Health Response Division, Prevention Services Division – The Department is requested to provide the following information to the Joint Budget Committee by October 1st each fiscal year for each program funded by Amendment 35 and Proposition EE tax revenues: Name of the program, the amount of money received (including fund source detail) and expended by the program for the preceding fiscal year, a description of the program including the actual number of persons served and the services

provided through the program, information evaluating the operation of the program including the effectiveness of the program in achieving its stated goals.

- 2 Department of Public Health and Environment, Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program – The Department is requested to provide the federal grant funding received for the current fiscal year as well as any changes to the match rate or expected changes in available federal funds by November 1st of each fiscal year.
- 3 Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division – The Department is requested to provide the following information to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2025: A long-term funding plan for the Stationary Sources Control Fund, and any proposed fee adjustments to other air quality related funds in order to maintain solvency of the fund through the end of FY 2029-30.
- 4 Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division – The Department is requested to provide a solvency plan through FY 2033-34 for the Hazardous Substance Response Fund to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2025. The plan should include estimated expenditures for all line items supported by cash funds utilizing the solid waste user fee, assuming full staffing. Additionally, the plan should include a fee increase plan to maintain solvency under the assumption that activities supported by the solid waste user fee are fully cash funded.
- 5 Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division – The Department is requested to provide revenue and expenditure data to the Joint Budget Committee for the Waste Tire Management Enterprise Fund.
- 6 Department of Public Health and Environment, Office of HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI's – The Department is requested to provide a report related to the statewide syphilis response and congenital syphilis prevention programs with the following information to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1st of each fiscal year:
 - a. Number of participants who receive a syphilis screening while detained in local county jails;
 - b. Number of participants who receive a syphilis screening from community sites;
 - c. Number of participants who receive a positive screen who receive syphilis treatment prior to release from detention at a local county jail;
 - d. Number of participants who receive a positive screen who receive syphilis treatment from community sites;
 - e. Number of participants who receive referrals for supportive services; and
 - f. Number of participants who test positive for syphilis and are pregnant.

Department of Public Safety

- 1 Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Community Corrections, Community Corrections Placements – The Department is requested to provide a report with fiscal year-to-date community corrections placements on November 1, 2025 and again on February 15, 2026.
- 2 Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Community Corrections – On or before November 1, 2025, the Department is requested to report performance measures and performance-related incentive payments for all community corrections boards and programs. The Department is also requested to show the contracted per-diem reimbursement rate for each provider.
- 3 Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Community Corrections –The Department is requested to report the allocation and expenditure of the appropriation for Community Corrections Placements. On August 1, the Department is to report on the allocation of the appropriation. This report should include:
 - a. A summary of all contracted and subcontracted amounts for FY 2025-26. This summary should include the dollar amount allocated by board and provider, the number of beds, and the per-diem rate for FY 2025-26. This should include an explanation for all instances where the per-diem rate differs from the default rate shown in the related Long Bill footnote.
 - b. The dollar amount allocated, the number of beds, and the per-diem rate for FY 2024-25, along with actual data (e.g. what actually happened) for each figure. For example, 200 beds were allocated and 175 beds were filled; \$2.0 million was allocated and \$1.75 million was spent.
 - c. The dollar amount allocated, the number of beds, and the per-diem rate for FY 2023-24, along with actuals for each figure.
 - d. All FY 2025-26 contracts uploaded to Google Drive and a link to that Google Drive.

The Department is also requested to provide quarterly reports of spending by contract and subcontract.

- 4 Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Community Corrections – The Department is requested to explore the merit, costs, and potential cost savings of a centralized system for community corrections referrals. On November 1, 2025, the Department is requested to provide a report that:
 - a. explains how the current system works for all referral types and the benefits and drawbacks of the current system;
 - b. describe the principles and characteristics of a potential centralized system, including the primary objective(s) of the system;

- c. estimate the cost of the building such a system, with as much detail as is reasonable and feasible; and
 - d. estimate any cost savings or cost avoidance that such a system may produce.
- 5 Department of Public Safety, Colorado State Patrol, Information Technology Asset Maintenance – The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee an annual expenditure report on November 1 of each year. At a minimum, each report should include on-going 5-year expenditure estimates for the line item, any new contracts awarded, and the names of the vendors.
- 6 Department of Public Safety, Colorado Bureau of Investigation – The Department is requested to submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2025, detailing progress related to the implementation of the Department's FY 2022-23 budget request, R1 Right-sizing CBI. The report should include, but is not limited to, discussion of the following:
 - a. The number and type of positions filled;
 - b. The number and type of positions yet to be filled;
 - c. Changes in the Division's implementation plan based on initial hiring;
 - d. Feedback the Division has received or solicited from local law enforcement agencies about the implementation and hiring process; and,
 - e. Measurable changes in the Division's capacity or caseload to the extent available, such as the number of cases managed by the Division, number of requests from local agencies, laboratory turnaround times, average agent travel time, or mandatory overtime.
- 7 Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Aviation Resources – The Department is requested to provide by November 1 the total amount transferred from the Aviation Resources line item in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control to the Wildfire Preparedness Fund the last two State fiscal years pursuant to Section 24-33.5-1227 (1.5)(a), C.R.S.
- 8 Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, PPE Stockpile Program – The Department is requested to submit on November 1, 2025, each of the three years of the PPE Stockpile Program's history, to include: total estimated statewide need for PPE to comply with Section 24-33.5-1621 (3)(a), C.R.S.; revenue by source or category, including sales to state agencies by agency, and sales to other entities by type or category (hospitals, schools, etc.); expenses by PPE type and other administrative or operating expenses; beginning and ending inventory by PPE type and average years until expiration by PPE type; annual dispositions, distributions, donations, or sales of aging inventory and the amount sold or disposed of to avoid expiration; any other relevant fiscal information to accurately reflect the complete flow of dollars through the program; and the Department's methodology for determining the annual General Fund required for this policy.

Department of Regulatory Agencies

- 1 Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Insurance - On or before November 1 of each year, the Department is requested to provide a report regarding the Prescription Drug Affordability Board including the following information:
 - a. a summary of revenues and sources;
 - b. annual expenditures including the number actual and allocated FTE;
 - c. a list of all drugs currently or scheduled to be under consideration by the board;
 - d. a summary of legal cases that have been initiated and/or anticipated including projections of costs associated with those cases.
- 2 Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Professions and Occupations – The Department is requested to provide the following information to the Joint Budget Committee quarterly on or by the first day of June, September, January, and March:
 - a. The number of Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) candidates that have passed the written exam over the past year, broken down by month;
 - b. The number of candidates that are currently registered for a skills exam, broken down by the month in which the skills exam is scheduled;
 - c. The number of skills exams that have been cancelled, including: the location, the date the exam was scheduled for, the date the exam was cancelled, and the reason for cancellation; and
 - d. Updates on the progress of efforts to improve the language accessibility of the current certification process, real-time information pertaining to test availability, and vendor communications to candidates.
- 3 Department of Regulatory Agencies, Totals – The Department is requested to provide, by September 1, an Excel file report which summarizes:
 - a. Sunset reviews being conducted in the current fiscal year by department; and
 - b. A comprehensive list of sunset reviews completed in the previous three fiscal years including the Department's recommendation for continuation of the program, any legislation that was passed regarding its continuation, and the current fiscal year impact of the legislation.

Department of Revenue

- 1 Department of Revenue, Specialized Business Group, Marijuana Enforcement Division – The Department is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee, by November 1, 2025, a report detailing the long-term solvency status of the Marijuana Cash Fund and the repayment schedule to the Cash Fund Solvency Fund.

Department of Transportation

- 1 Department of Transportation, Totals – The Department is requested to submit, with its FY 2026-27 budget request, printed and electronic versions (transmission by email acceptable) of the following:
 - a. The draft one-sheet budget (also known as the “Revenue Allocation Plan”) on which the Long Bill request is based with an explanation that shows how the Long Bill request relates to the one-sheet budget;
 - b. A schedule or schedules showing, for each of the publishing issues that collectively show how the Administration Division request is derived from the prior year Administration Division appropriation, the incremental budget changes that make up that publishing issue;
 - c. Projected expenditures by division for all common-policy items, including common policies for total compensation, operating, and IT;
 - d. A schedule showing the projected revenues for FY 2026-27 on which the draft one-sheet budget and the Long Bill request are based, with revenue-source detail that is comparable to the detail in the Department's draft narrative budget (also known as the “Budget Allocation Plan”);
 - e. A schedule showing the most recent projection of revenues for FY 2025-26 in a form compatible with the revenue projection for FY 2026-27;
 - f. A schedule showing actual revenues received during FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 in a form compatible with the revenue projection for FY 2026-2027;
 - g. Projected state HUTF revenue for FY 2026-27 that shows (1) the revenue sources and (2) the allocation of that revenue among counties, municipalities, and other recipients.
 - h. Actual revenue, including sources, for the two most recently completed Fiscal Years of the (1) Construction, Maintenance, and Operations Division, (2) Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise, (3) High-performance Transportation Enterprise, (4) the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund, (5) Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise, (6) Clean Transit Enterprise Fund, (7) Local Transit Operations Cash Fund, (8) Local Transit Grant program Cash Fund, (9) Rail Funding Program Cash Fund (9) Fuels Impact Enterprise.
- 1 Department of Transportation – The Department is requested to submit, on a semi-annual basis, a report to the Joint Budget Committee how any fee revenue is being spent in relation to Section 38-5.5-102-109, C.R.S.

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April 28, 2025

Hon. Monica M. Márquez
Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court
2 East 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Chief Justice Márquez:

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Sincerely,

Senator Jeff Bridges

Chair

cc:

Steven Vasconcellos, State Court Administrator
Megan Ring, Colorado State Public Defender
Thomas Raynes, Executive Director, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
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Legislative Requests for Information for FY 2025-26

Requests Affecting Multiple Departments

- 1 Department of Corrections; Department of Human Services; Judicial Department; Department of Public Safety; and Department of Transportation – State agencies involved in multi-agency programs requiring separate appropriations to each agency are requested to designate one lead agency to be responsible for submitting a comprehensive annual budget request for such programs to the Joint Budget Committee, including prior year, request year, and three year forecasts for revenues into the fund and expenditures from the fund by agency. The requests should be sustainable for the length of the forecast based on anticipated revenues. Each agency is still requested to submit its portion of such request with its own budget document. This applies to requests for appropriation from: the Alcohol and Drug Driving Safety Program Fund, the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, the Offender Identification Fund, the Persistent Drunk Driver Cash Fund, and the Sex Offender Surcharge Fund, among other programs.
- 4 Department of Agriculture; Department of Public Safety; Department of Higher Education, Judicial Department; Department of Transportation; Department of Personnel Administration – State agencies with existing certificates of participation, the payments for which are subject to annual State appropriations, are requested to report annually, on or before September 1, to the Department of the Treasurer the following information for the full duration of the projects financed through certificates of participation: the name and total amount of the project financed; whether and when it was refinanced/refunded; the original financing date of the project; the total outstanding debt for the project; future principal payment amounts for the amortization of the debt by date and fund source; future interest payment amounts for the amortization of the debt by date and fund source; and the call feature and call dates.

Judicial Department

- 1 Judicial Department, Probation and Related Services – The State Court Administrator's Office is requested to provide by November 1 of each year a report on pre-release rates of recidivism and unsuccessful terminations and post-release recidivism rates among offenders in all segments of the probation population, including the following: adult and juvenile intensive supervision; adult and juvenile minimum, medium, and maximum supervision; and the female offender program. The Office is requested to include information about the disposition of pre-release failures and post-release recidivists, including how many offenders are incarcerated (in different kinds of facilities) and how many offenders return to probation because of violations.

- 2 Judicial Department, Trial Courts, District Attorney Mandated Costs – District Attorneys in each judicial district shall be responsible for allocations made by the Colorado District Attorneys' Council's Mandated Cost Committee. Any increases in this line item shall be requested and justified in writing by the Colorado District Attorneys' Council, rather than the Judicial Department, through the regular appropriation and supplemental appropriation processes. The Colorado District Attorneys' Council is requested to submit an annual report by November 1 detailing how the District Attorney Mandated Costs appropriation is spent, how it is distributed, and the steps taken to control these costs.
- 3 Judicial Department, Probation and Related Services, Offender Treatment and Services – The State Court Administrator's Office is requested to provide by November 1 of each year a detailed report on how this appropriation is used, including the amount spent on testing, treatment, and assessments for offenders.
- 4 Judicial Department, Office of the State Public Defender – The State Public Defender is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a report concerning the Appellate Division's progress in reducing its case backlog, including the following data for FY 2024-25: the number of new cases; the number of opening briefs filed by the Office of the State Public Defender; the number of cases resolved in other ways; the number of cases closed; and the number of cases awaiting an opening brief as of June 30, 2025.
- 5 Judicial Department, Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel – The Office of Alternate Defense Counsel is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between its line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2025-26 Long Bill Footnote 58. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the purpose for which it was appropriated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 6 Judicial Department, Office of the Child's Representative – The Office of the Child's Representative is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between its line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2025-26 Long Bill Footnote 59. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the purpose for which it was appropriated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 7 Judicial Department, Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel – Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between its line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2025-26 Long Bill Footnote 61. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the purpose for which it was appropriated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 8 Judicial Department, Bridges of Colorado – The Bridges of Colorado is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year

between its line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2025-26 Long Bill Footnote 62. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the purpose for which it was appropriated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.

- 9 Judicial Department, Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies – The Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies is requested to provide by November 1 of each fiscal year, a list of each transfer made in the previous fiscal year between its line items as authorized by a Long Bill footnote pursuant to FY 2025-26 Long Bill Footnote 63. This information should include: the line item in which the funds originated, the purpose for which it was appropriated, the line item to which the funds were transferred, the amount of each transfer, the fund split for each transfer, and the purpose of the transfer.
- 10 Judicial Department, Office of the Child's Representative – The Office of the Child's Representative is requested to provide by November 1, 2025, a report outlining its work with Colorado CASA for FY 2024-25 to include the number of CASA volunteers statewide, the number of cases with a CASA volunteer statewide and by judicial district, the number of children placed with a CASA volunteer statewide, the allocation of the Office's CASA Contracts Long Bill appropriation by local CASA program and each program's judicial districts served.
- 11 Judicial Department, State Courts Administration, Centrally-administered Programs, Problem-solving Courts; Office of Bridges of Colorado; Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies, Competency and Behavioral Health Data Hub – The Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (ASIA), in cooperation with the Office of Bridges of Colorado (Bridges) and the State Courts Administration Criminal Justice Programs Unit, which encompasses Problem-Solving Courts, Competency Courts, Competency Diversion, Restorative Justice, Statewide Adult Diversion, and Juvenile Delinquency Problem-solving Courts, is requested to provide an annual report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1 of each year, beginning in FY 2025–26, regarding annual progress on the Competency and Behavioral Health Data Hub (Data Hub) initiative, developed in partnership with The Colorado Lab. The report should be developed primarily by The Colorado Lab, with ASIA coordinating final submission. The report should: (1) summarize work completed to date on the development and implementation of the Data Hub; (2) outline one-year and three-year goals for the initiative based on current and proposed funding; (3) describe efforts to establish coordinated data collection across state and local judicial, criminal justice, and behavioral health agencies and organizations to assess participant outcomes and gather system cost data; (4) include any collected summary data related to the assessment of participant outcomes; (5) include any collected summary data on costs incurred by participating agencies and organizations—both total and average per participant; (5) identify or estimate cost savings to state and local systems as a result of reduced justice system involvement and increased behavioral health service delivery for individuals involved in or diverted from the judicial competency process or served through the Office of Bridges of Colorado or other community providers; (6)

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Hon. Phil Weiser
Attorney General
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Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80203

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Senator Jeff Bridges

Chair

cc:

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- 1 Department of Law, Criminal Justice and Appellate, Appellate Unit – The Department is requested to provide by November 1, 2025 a report concerning the Appellate Unit’s progress in reducing its case backlog, including the following data for FY 2024-25: the number of opening briefs received; the number of answer briefs filed; and the case backlog as of June 30, 2025.
- 2 Department of Law, Consumer Protection and Antitrust, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – Pursuant to Section 25.5-4-310, C.R.S., the Department of Law’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is required to submit an annual report by January 15 concerning: actions filed under the “Colorado Medicaid False Claims Act”, the amount recovered as a result of such actions, and the amount of related expenditures. The General Assembly requests that the Department also include in this annual report information about expenditures and recoveries related to the Unit’s criminal investigations.
- 3 Department of Law, Special Purpose, District Attorney Training – Pursuant to Section 20-1-111 (4) (b), C.R.S., the Colorado District Attorneys’ Council (CDAC) allocated these dollars to provide prosecution training, seminar, continuing education programs, and other prosecution related services on behalf of District Attorneys who are members of the CDAC. The CDAC is requested to submit an annual report by November 1 detailing how the District Attorney Training appropriation is spent, including the number and type of training activities provided, the number of district attorney offices served by each type of training activity, the number of deputy district attorneys trained, and detail of the costs categorized by personnel, operating, and travel, for each training effort.
- 4 Department of Law, Special Purpose, District Attorney Training; Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government, Field Services, Public Defender and Prosecutor Behavioral Health Support Grant Program – Pursuant to Section 24-32-3502, C.R.S., funds appropriated or donated to the Public Defender and Prosecutor Behavioral Health Support Fund are split evenly between the State Public Defender and the Colorado District Attorneys’ Counsel (CDAC). CDAC is requested to submit an annual report by November 1 for the prior completed fiscal year detailing the total grant applicants, the name of the grant applicants, amount applied for, amounts awarded for each application submitted, a total amount of all grants funded per round of grants and the amount of funds it received but did not award.
- 5 Department of Law, Special Purpose, District Attorney Assistance for Bond Hearings Grants – Pursuant to Section 16-4-117, C.R.S., funds appropriated to the District Attorney Assistance for Bond Hearings Grants is allocated to the Colorado District Attorneys’ Council

(CDAC) for grants to district attorney offices. CDAC is requested to submit an annual report by November 1 of each year for the prior completed fiscal year detailing the total grant applicants, the name of the grant applicants, amounts applied for, amounts awarded for each application submitted, a total amount of all grants funded per round of grants, and the amount of funds it received but did not award.

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Colorado Secretary of State
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Denver, CO 80290

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bridges", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Senator Jeff Bridges

Chair

cc:

Andrew Kline, Deputy Secretary of State
Brad Lang, Controller, Colorado Secretary of State
Craig Harper, Staff Director, Joint Budget Committee

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Legislative Requests for Information for FY 2025-26

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April 28, 2025

Hon. Dave Young
Colorado State Treasurer
200 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

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Legislative Requests for Information for FY 2025-26

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