

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

SB21-243 be amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

20 (d) The federal department of the treasury has issued guidance on
21 states' use of the assistance provided under ARPA, indicating that the
22 money provided to the states may be used "to meet and address these
23 emergent public health needs, including through measures to counter the
24 spread of COVID-19, through the provision of care for those impacted by
25 the virus, and through programs or services that address disparities in
26 public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic."; and

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

33 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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

1 Page 2, after line 24 insert:

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

4 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
5 except that sections 1 and 3 of this act take effect only if Senate Bill
6 21-291 becomes law and take effect either upon the effective date of this
7 act or Senate Bill 21-291, whichever is later.".

8 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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