

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 21, 2023  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB23-291 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 20, before line 10 insert:

2           **"SECTION 7. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal  
3 year, \$1,265,551 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies.  
4 This appropriation is from the public utilities commission fixed utility  
5 fund created in section 40-2-114 (1)(b)(II), C.R.S. To implement this act,  
6 the department may use this appropriation as follows:

7           (a) \$233,630 for use by the public utilities commission for  
8 personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
9 commission will require an additional 2.5 FTE;

10           (b) \$23,385 for use by the public utilities commission for  
11 operating expenses;

12           (c) \$271,406 for use by the office of the utility consumer advocate  
13 for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
14 office will require an additional 2.5 FTE;

15           (d) \$23,385 for use by the office of the utility consumer advocate  
16 for operating expenses; and

17           (e) \$713,745 for the purchase of legal services.

18           (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$713,745 is appropriated to  
19 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
20 received from the department of regulatory agencies under subsection  
21 (1)(e) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department  
22 of law will require an additional 3.8 FTE. To implement this act, the  
23 department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for  
24 the department of regulatory agencies.

25           (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$142,749 is appropriated to  
26 the department of law. This appropriation is from the legal services cash  
27 fund created in section 24-31-108 (4), C.R.S., from revenue received

1 from the Colorado energy office in the office of the governor that  
2 originates as custodial federal funds that the Colorado energy office has  
3 authority to expend. The appropriation to the department of law is based  
4 on an assumption that the department of law will require an additional 0.8  
5 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law may use this  
6 appropriation to provide legal services for the Colorado energy office in  
7 the office of the governor."

8 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

9 Page 1, line 102, strike "UTILITIES." and substitute "UTILITIES, AND, IN  
10 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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