



# JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF FY 2018-19 BUDGET BRIEFING SUMMARY

Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

*Department of Treasury*

The Department of the Treasury is responsible for the following primary duties: (1) acts as the State's banker and investment officer, providing investment, accounting, and cash management services and preparing related reports; (2) administers the Unclaimed Property Program; (3) disburses Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption payments to local governments; (4) provides short-term interest-free financing to school districts by issuing tax and revenue anticipation notes and making loans from the General Fund; (5) assists charter schools with long-term financing by making direct bond payments; (6) distributes Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) revenues to counties and municipalities; (7) distributes federal mineral leasing funds received for the State's share of sales, bonuses, royalties, and rentals of public lands within Colorado; (8) manages certain state public financing transactions; and (9) reimburses certain property taxes owed or paid for real and business personal property destroyed in a natural disaster. The Department's funding for FY 2017-18 consists of 28.9 percent General Fund, 67.7 percent cash funds, and 3.4 percent reappropriated funds.

## FY 2017-18 APPROPRIATION AND FY 2018-19 REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY						
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	Federal Funds	FTE
<b>FY 2017-18 APPROPRIATION:</b>						
SB 17-254 (Long Bill)	524,067,755	151,447,545	354,847,185	17,773,025	0	32.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$524,067,755</b>	<b>\$151,447,545</b>	<b>\$354,847,185</b>	<b>\$17,773,025</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>32.9</b>
<b>FY 2018-19 APPROPRIATION:</b>						
FY 2017-18 Appropriation	\$524,067,755	151,447,545	\$354,847,185	\$17,773,025	\$0	32.9
Property tax exemption adjustment	14,806,461	14,806,461	0	0	0	0.0
HUTF county adjustment	7,147,119	0	7,147,119	0	0	0.0
HUTF municipality adjustment	5,548,502	0	5,548,502	0	0	0.0
Non-prioritized changes	36,931	36,931	0	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year salary survey	16,124	9,083	7,041	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	12,994	12,994	0	0	0	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	5,733	61,646	31,849	(87,762)	0	0.0
Annualize prior year merit pay	(16,124)	(9,083)	(7,041)	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$551,625,495</b>	<b>\$166,365,577</b>	<b>\$367,574,655</b>	<b>\$17,685,263</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>32.9</b>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE)</b>	<b>\$27,557,740</b>	<b>\$14,918,032</b>	<b>\$12,727,470</b>	<b>(\$87,762)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Percentage Change	5.3%	9.9%	3.6%	(0.5%)	n/a	0.0%

**SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ADJUSTMENT:** The request includes an increase of \$14.8 million General Fund for FY 2018-19 for reimbursement to local governments for lost property tax revenues.

**HUTF COUNTY ADJUSTMENT:** The request includes an increase of \$7.1 million cash funds for adjustments to the county HUTF disbursement.

**HUTF MUNICIPALITY ADJUSTMENT:** The request includes an increase of \$5.5 million cash funds for adjustments to the municipality HUTF disbursement.

**NON-PRIORITIZED CHANGES:** The request includes an increase of \$36,931 General Fund, which includes \$159 for the Cybersecurity liability insurance policy and \$36,772 is for an OSPB set-aside for elected officials.

**ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR SALARY SURVEY:** The request includes an increase of \$16,124 total funds, of which \$9,083 is General Fund and \$7,041 are cash funds for annualization of the prior year salary survey.

**ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION:** The request includes an increase of \$12,994 General Fund to annualize prior year legislation.

**Centrally appropriated line items:** The request includes adjustments to centrally appropriated line items including the following: health, life, and dental; short-term disability; supplemental state contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) pension fund; salary survey; workers' compensation and payments to risk management; legal services; Capitol complex leased space; payments to the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT); and CORE operations.

**ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR MERIT PAY:** The request includes a decrease of \$16,124 total funds, of which \$9,083 is General Fund and \$7,041 are cash funds for annualization of prior year merit pay.

## SUMMARY OF ISSUES PRESENTED TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

**UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND:** Unclaimed property is reportable in all 50 states and in some Canadian provinces, and includes but is not limited to: savings/checking accounts, uncashed checks, stocks/other securities, mutual funds, utility deposits, overpayments, unused airline tickets, and money orders. The mission of the Unclaimed Property Division is to reunite all owners or their heirs with their unclaimed property. The competing pressures on the fund raises concerns on the long-term sustainability of using the fund for appropriations outside of returning the value of property to its rightful owner/heir.

**INFORMATIONAL ISSUE OF STATE INVESTMENTS:** The Department of the Treasury is responsible for ensuring the safekeeping and management of public funds by depositing all funds received by state agencies. These funds are invested in statutorily authorized investments with the objectives of (in order of importance) legality, safety, liquidity, and yield. The interest made on these investments augments the state's revenues and decreases the tax burden on Colorado's citizens. In addition, the Department ensures that sufficient funds are maintained in cash accounts to meet the state's daily cash needs.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**JBC STAFF ANALYST:** Vance Roper  
(303) 866-3147  
vance.roper@state.co.us

**TO READ THE ENTIRE BRIEFING:** [http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/fy2018-19\\_trebrf.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/fy2018-19_trebrf.pdf)