

MEMORANDUM



JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO JBC Members
FROM JBC Staff
DATE March 15, 2019
SUBJECT Comeback Packet 5

Included in this packet are staff comeback memos for the following items:

Health Care Policy and Financing (Robin Smart): Reconciliation of HCPF Division 7 Medicaid Appropriations with DHS Medicaid Reappropriated Funds

Higher Education (Amanda Bickel):

- Technical Correction to COF private stipend
- Institute of Cannabis Research at CSU-Pueblo

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TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee
FROM Robin J. Smart, JBC Staff (303-866-4955)
DATE March 15, 2019
SUBJECT Reconciliation of Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Division 7
Medicaid Appropriations with Department of Human Services Medicaid
Reappropriated Funds

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to coordinate with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to ensure that the line items in HCPF's Division 7 reflect the appropriate level of Medicaid funding to support DHS programs. Funding adjustments were not coordinated for several line items in the DHS Executive Director's Office, including PERA Direct Distribution and Salary Survey.

JBC staff has reconciled the appropriations between the two departments and recommends an appropriation to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Department of Human Services Medicaid-Funded Programs, Executive Director's Office – Medicaid Funding line item of \$17,014,146 total funds, including \$8,507,071 Medicaid General Fund. Of this appropriation, \$156,006 total funds, including 78,003 General Fund, is pending Committee action concerning the Paid Parental Leave common policy budget request.

The recommendation in this JBC staff comeback is \$1,835,466 total funds, including \$917,732 General Fund, higher than the value presented during figure setting for HCPF. This HCPF appropriation corresponds with the Medicaid reappropriated funds appropriation in the following DHS line items:

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION MEDICAID REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	
Personal Services	\$0
Health, Life, Dental	7,911,804
Short-term Disability	69,401
AED	2,141,636
SAED	2,141,636
PERA Direct Distribution	1,161,454
Paid Parental Leave (pending Committee action)	156,006
Salary Survey	1,348,800
Merit Pay	0
Shift Differential	2,083,409
Worker's Compensation	0
Operating Expenses	0
Risk Management	0
Injury Prevention Program	0
	\$17,014,146

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FROM Amanda Bickel, JBC Staff (x4960)
DATE March 15, 2019
SUBJECT Technical correction to COF private stipend

The Higher Education figure setting packet calculated funding required for students attending private institutions who receive the COF stipend based on 1,179.1 student FTE. The Department of Higher Education has provided updated data indicating that in FY 2017-18, 1,224 student FTE used the private COF stipend. In light of this, staff recommends a somewhat higher figure for this line item. Instead of \$1,662,390, staff recommends **\$1,725,840** General Fund for this line item (an increase of \$63,450 General Fund above the recommendation) based on 1,224 SFTE x \$1,410 (50 percent of the student stipend recommended for students attending public institutions).

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FROM Amanda Bickel, JBC Staff ((303) 866-4960)
DATE March 15, 2019
SUBJECT Institute of Cannabis Research at CSU-Pueblo

The Committee held out \$1,800,000 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund in continuing funding for the Institute of Cannabis Research at CSU-Pueblo. Has the Committee received enough information on the program to include the appropriation in the Long Bill?

The information below is from the staff figure setting packet.

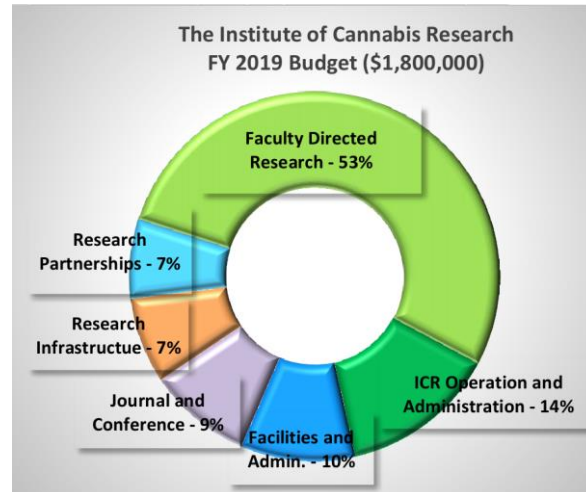
FIGURE SETTING EXCERPT

INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH AT CSU-PUEBLO

Senate Bill 16-191 authorized the General Assembly to appropriate money from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) to the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System (CSU) to fund scientific and social science research at CSU-Pueblo concerning marijuana and other matters that impact the state and its regions. The appropriation was initially provided at the \$900,000 level and was increased to \$1,800,000 MTCF in FY 2017-18.

CSU reported that in 2019, the institute supported 16 research projects led by 20 CSU-Pueblo faculty and staff. CSU-P consults with the Department of Public Health and Environment to avoid any funding overlap. Studies have explored issues such as the effects of medicinal cannabinoids on seizures in those with epilepsy, a study of use of industrial hemp fibers as reinforcing agents, and study for an enhanced method for extracting cannabiniol from cannabis leaves and flowers using pressurized liquid extraction. The Institute also hosts conferences and a journal, the Journal of Cannabis Research, launched in partnership with Springer Nature. The Institute employs five staff, including researchers and support staff. In August 2018, it launched a community liaison board and has also started the process of developing a Scientific Research Advisory Board.

In response to staff questions, the Institute provided the following graphic indicating how it is using the funds provided by the General Assembly.



STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 23-31.5-112, C.R.S.

REQUEST: The Department of Higher Education requests continuation of \$1,800,000 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: **Staff recommends the request for continuation funding of \$1,800,000 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund.**