



Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

# Joint Budget Committee Staff

## FY 2015-16 Budget Briefing Summary

### Department of Law

The Attorney General is one of five independently elected constitutional officers of the State. As the chief executive officer of the Department of Law, the Attorney General represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and serves as the legal counsel and advisor to state agencies. The Department's FY 2014-15 appropriation represents 0.3 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.2 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

### FY 2014-15 Appropriation and FY 2015-16 Request

Department of Law						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
<b>FY 2014-15 Appropriation</b>						
HB 14-1336 (Long Bill)	\$69,567,702	\$12,917,348	\$12,369,385	\$42,532,558	\$1,748,411	454.9
Other Legislation	<u>4,398,629</u>	<u>616,952</u>	<u>3,283,194</u>	<u>498,483</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9.5</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,966,331</b>	<b>\$13,534,300</b>	<b>\$15,652,579</b>	<b>\$43,031,041</b>	<b>\$1,748,411</b>	<b>464.4</b>
<b>FY 2015-16 Requested Appropriation</b>						
FY 2014-15 Appropriation	\$73,966,331	13,534,300	\$15,652,579	\$43,031,041	\$1,748,411	464.4
R1 Violent Crimes Assistance Team FTE	266,520	266,520	0	0	0	1.8
R2 CORA and open meetings attorney	109,631	109,631	0	0	0	0.9
R3 Tobacco litigation legal assistant	80,389	0	80,389	0	0	1.0
R4 Contract administrator 1/2 FTE	55,114	0	0	55,114	0	0.0
R5 CP & AT operating and litigation	167,823	64,547	83,911	19,365	0	0.0
NP1 Vehicle lease payment	12,694	17,039	(9,842)	2,198	3,299	0.0
Centrally appropriated line item adjustments	2,403,286	785,317	143,891	1,430,418	43,660	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	36,886	9,195	141,959	(114,268)	0	0.1
FTE adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Move POST FTE to Administration	0	0	(46,935)	46,935	0	0.0
Fund source adjustments	0	229,929	(852,588)	622,659	0	0.0
Annualize prior year budget actions	(414,216)	(101,076)	(394,234)	81,249	(155)	0.1
Indirect cost assessment adjustments	(236,966)	0	1,164,321	(1,387,139)	(14,148)	0.0
Change in anticipated grant funding	<u>(11,100)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(11,100)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,436,392</b>	<b>\$14,915,402</b>	<b>\$15,963,451</b>	<b>\$43,776,472</b>	<b>\$1,781,067</b>	<b>468.2</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	\$2,470,061	\$1,381,102	\$310,872	\$745,431	\$32,656	3.8

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Percentage Change	3.3%	10.2%	2.0%	1.7%	1.9%	0.8%

## Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

**Major Litigation Pending Against the State:** This issue brief provides a summary of legal cases involving the State that could have a significant financial impact.

**Violent Crimes Assistance Team FTE:** The Department is requesting an increase of \$266,520 General Fund and 1.8 attorney FTE in FY 2015-16 to expand the Violent Crimes Assistance Team in response to increasing workload supporting local district attorneys in the prosecution of homicides.

**Colorado Open Records Act Attorney:** The Department is requesting \$109,631 General Fund and 0.9 FTE for FY 2015-16 to hire an attorney in response to increasing workload, both within the Department and in client agencies, associated with the Colorado Open Records Act and the Open Meetings Law.

## For More Information

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