

MEMORANDUM



JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Joint Budget Committee Members
FROM JBC Staff
DATE February 28, 2023
SUBJECT Potential Legislation

This packet includes bill drafts and related memos for the Committee’s consideration. Each individual item has page numbers but also a packet page number to help navigate the whole document. The page numbers below refer to the packet page number.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

Transfer from State Employees Reserve Fund to General Fund LLS 23-0880 (Brakke).....1

Codify Litigation Management Footnote LLS 23-0882 (Thompson).....3

Extend the Transitional Jobs Program (ReHire CO) LLS 23-0875 (Dermody).....5

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LLS NO. 23-0880.01 Alison Killen x4350

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: State Employee Reserve Fund Gen Fund Transfer

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE**
102 **RESERVE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. For the purpose of funding monthly housing stipends for department of corrections staff from July 2023 through February 2024, the bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$4,913,753 from the state employee reserve fund (SERF) to the general fund on July 1, 2023.

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-50-104, **add**
3 (1)(j)(III)(F) as follows:

4 **24-50-104. Job evaluation and compensation - state employee**
5 **reserve fund - created - study - report - definitions - repeal. (1) Total**
6 **compensation philosophy. (j) (III) (F) ON JULY 1, 2023, THE STATE**
7 **TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED THIRTEEN**
8 **THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS FROM THE FUND TO**
9 **THE GENERAL FUND.**

10 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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LLS NO. 23-0882.01 Conrad Imel x2313

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: DOL Funds For Unanticipated State Legal Needs

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW TO USE**
102 **CERTAIN FUNDS FOR UNANTICIPATED STATE LEGAL NEEDS.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill permits the department of law (department) to use money appropriated to the department for litigation management to address unanticipated state legal needs. The department is prohibited from using that money for employee salary increases, promotions, reclassifications, or bonuses, or to offset personal services deficits in the department.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-108.5 as
3 follows:

4 **24-31-108.5. Use of funds for unanticipated legal needs.** THE
5 DEPARTMENT MAY USE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
6 LITIGATION MANAGEMENT TO ADDRESS UNANTICIPATED STATE LEGAL
7 NEEDS THAT ARISE DURING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE
8 MONEY IS APPROPRIATED; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT USE
9 THE MONEY REALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR ANY
10 TYPE OF SALARY INCREASE, PROMOTION, RECLASSIFICATION, OR BONUS
11 RELATED TO ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, OR TO
12 OFFSET PRESENT OR FUTURE PERSONAL SERVICES DEFICITS IN ANY
13 DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT.

14 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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LLS NO. 23-0875.01 Shelby Ross x4510

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Extending Transitional Jobs Program
DEADLINES: File by: 2/28/2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXTENDING THE TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. The bill extends the time period to offer eligible individuals the opportunity to work in transitional jobs for 5 additional years.

The bill extends the repeal date of the transitional jobs program from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2030.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-1101, **add**
3 (1)(d) as follows:

4 **26-2-1101. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 hereby finds and declares:

6 (d) THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES FURTHER INCREASING THE
7 NUMBER OF COUNTIES SERVED BY THE TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM,
8 FOCUSING ON RURAL AREAS AND SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTIES.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-1103, **amend**
10 (1)(a) as follows:

11 **26-2-1103. Transitional jobs program.** (1) The state department
12 shall administer a transitional jobs program. The transitional jobs program
13 must:

14 (a) Seek to offer the opportunity to work in transitional jobs to
15 eligible individuals from July 1, 2013, through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2029;
16 except that no new transitional jobs shall be offered after December 31,
17 ~~2023~~ 2028;

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-2-1104 as
19 follows:

20 **26-2-1104. Repeal.** This part 11 is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2030.

22 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
25 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
26 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
27 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.