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The Honorable Crisanta Duran
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
200 E. 14th Avenue, Third Floor
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Denver, CO 80203

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor
Henry Sobanet
Director

Dear Representative Duran:

In light of the uncertainty about the expected collections under Proposition AA, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting is submitting a proposed list of reductions to the Proposition AA and Amendment 64 Implementation Budget Request.

The Governor's Office is committed to its priorities of ensuring a robust regulatory environment, preventing youth marijuana use, promoting public health, supporting law enforcement to ensure public safety and providing substance abuse treatment to those in need. Both our first proposal and this revised proposal seek to align resources with the voters' intent when they approved Proposition AA. To that extent, we remain committed to two principles: 1) programming should have a direct or indirect relationship to marijuana use and 2) we should not create any situations where State or local government has an incentive to promote marijuana use. Therefore, we are requesting that the Joint Budget Committee fully fund the following initiatives:

- **Department of Education (CDE)** - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention in Schools (funding for health professionals);
- **Governor's Office** - Youth Marijuana Education Campaign, Statewide Coordination Request;
- **Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)** - School Based Early Intervention and Prevention for Substance Use;
- **Department of Human Services (DHS)**- Marijuana, Alcohol, Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention for Youth, Access to Recovery;
- **Department of Law** - In-House Marijuana Expertise and Training;
- **Department of Public Safety** - Public Safety and Intelligence Support;
- **Department of Public Health and Environment** – Public Health Monitoring and Analysis, Marijuana Birth Defects Surveillance, Marijuana Education Campaign, Blood Drug Registry, Healthy Kids Colorado Survey;
- **Department of Revenue** - Marijuana GenTax Programming;
- **Department of Transportation** - Marijuana Impaired Driving Campaign.

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We have proposed ways in which to scale back the original request while at the same time maintaining a reserve for any possible increased need in the Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Division. The list of proposed reductions is included below:

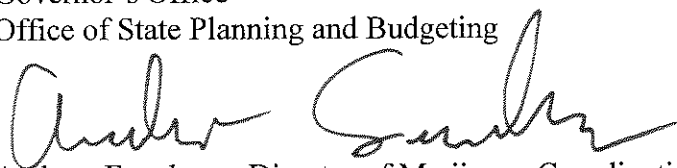
Program name	Original Program Cost	Proposed Reduction to balance Marijuana Cash Fund
HCPF- Enhance Substance Use Disorder Treatment (Marijuana Cash Fund transfer to the General Fund)	\$10,906,372	\$2,734,459
DHS - Collaborative Management Program for Prevention, Intervention and Treatment of Marijuana Use	\$6,000,000	\$3,000,000
DHS - Tony Grampas for the Prevention of Marijuana Use	\$5,000,000	\$3,500,000
CDE – Addressing Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention in Schools (School Resources Officers)	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
DHS - Intensive Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders	\$7,018,646	\$5,013,009
Total Proposed Reduction		\$20,247,468

We respectfully request that the Joint Budget Committee consider these proposed reductions when the Proposition AA and Amendment 64 Implementation Budget Package is heard. The revised package can be funded in full when using most recent marijuana revenue projections from either the Colorado Legislative Council or the Department of Revenue.

Sincerely,



Henry Sobanet, Director
Governor's Office
Office of State Planning and Budgeting



Andrew Freedman, Director of Marijuana Coordination
Governor's Office

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