

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
FY 2008-09 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2007  
9:00 - 12:00 a.m.**

**9:00 - 9:10 Introductions and Opening Comments**

**9:10 - 9:30 Common Questions**

**Departmental Goals and Objectives**

1. What are your department's principal goals and objectives? What are the metrics by which you measure success or failure?
2. Given the change in the Administration, have there been any changes to your department's principal goals and objectives since last year?
3. What progress did you make during the last year in achieving your goals?
4. How is the additional money provided to your department in FY 2007-08 being used to achieve your goals? What improvements is your department making in its outputs?
5. Please identify your department's 3 most effective programs and your 3 least effective programs. Explain why you identified them as such. Explain how your most effective programs further the department's goals.
6. Are there programs that your department is required to perform that do not further your department's goals or have outlived their usefulness? If so, what are they and by whom are they required? Why don't they further your department's goals?

**Costs and savings from complying with specific bills and orders**

7. What are your department's anticipated costs, anticipated savings, and potential benefits from complying with Executive Order D 028 07, Authorizing Partnership Agreements with State Employees?
8. Provide an estimate of the costs your department will incur in FY 2007-08 in carrying out the provisions of H.B. 06S-1023. Provide an estimate of your department's savings in FY 2007-08 as a result of not providing services to individuals who are in the country illegally.

**9:30 – 10:45 Environmental Divisions**

**DI #11: Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, Defense State Memorandum of Agreement (DSMOA) Refinance**

9. If the Division tries to change how it bills for regulatory oversight at military facilities, what is the likelihood that the federal government and/or separate branches of the military will still pay for these services?
10. Why would the change in billing methodology result in the appropriation being cash funds and not federal funds?

**DI #12: Long Bill Reorganization**

11. If the requested line items are consolidated, how much control and supervision will the General Assembly lose in each of the affected program areas?

**Water Quality Control Division: Programmatic Demands & Resource Needs**

12. How well has the Division been able to address the concerns raised in the S.B. 03-236 report and the subsequent EPA audits?
13. Is the Division able to fulfill its statutory requirements in a timely fashion?
14. How many unfilled FTE are there in this division? Why aren't these positions filled? Why does the Division need additional FTE if there are appropriated FTE positions that are unfilled?
15. If additional resources are not acquired in FY 2008-09, how will it impact the Division's ability to keep up with its growing responsibilities? Will it be able to assure that the state's water resources are safe to drink, support a diversity and abundance of aquatic life, and are suitable for recreation, irrigation, and commercial use?
16. If the Department has identified the need for 20.9 additional FTE in FY 2008-09, why weren't any requested? How does the department plan to address the need for additional FTE? When will the Department request them?
17. What are the possible long-term funding strategies to meet the resource needs identified in the November 1, 2007 footnote report?
18. Why weren't the resource needs identified in the footnote report included in the deliberations on last session's water fee bill? Is it the Department's intention to seek another fee bill for these resource needs this year?

**Other Water Quality Issues**

19. Evaporative wastewater ponds from drilling operations: Does the Division have adequate tools to monitor and regulate these sources? What is the Department doing to address concerns about these sources?

20. Uranium mining applications: Does the Division have the resources to fulfill its statutory requirements in regards to these sources in a timely fashion? Are the existing statutory requirements for these sources adequate to protect public health and safety? If not, what needs to be done to ensure public health and safety?

### **Air Quality Control Division: Programmatic Demands & Resource Needs**

21. How many unfilled FTE are there in this division? Why aren't they filled? Why does the department need additional FTE if there are appropriated FTE positions that are unfilled?

22. Is the Division able to fulfill its statutory requirements in a timely fashion?

23. If the Department has identified the need for 5.0 additional FTE in FY 2008-09, why weren't any requested? How does the department plan to address the need for additional FTE? When will the Department request them?

24. What are possible long-term funding strategies to meet the resource needs identified in the November 1, 2007 footnote report?

25. If additional resources are not acquired in FY 2008-09, how will it impact the Division's ability to keep up with its growing responsibilities and workload?

### **Other Air Quality Questions**

26. Will the state phase out the auto emission testing centers managed by Envirotest and move to drive-by testing and the high emitter program? Are the drive-by emissions tests accurate?

27. Are the drive-by emissions testing vans moved around or are they always located in the same place? What are the boundaries of the area using drive-by testing? What are the boundaries of the high-emitter pilot project?

28. Does the Division receive mill levy funds from the oil and gas industry, or does funding from this industry come entirely through permitting fees?

29. What is the difference in responsibilities between the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the Air Quality Control Commission, and the Air Quality Control Division? How do these differences play out with respect to oversight of the oil and gas industry?

**10:45 – 11:00 - BREAK -**

### **11:00 – 12:00 Administrative and Health Divisions**

30. How aggressively have the health divisions sought federal grants in recent years? How has Colorado's federal grant success compared with the success of other states? What has been the nationwide level of federal health grants in recent years?

31. Please update the committee on the Department's progress in implementing H.B. 07-1221 (last year's decision item #1). Why doesn't this year's budget include a decision item that widens the use H.B. 07-1221 to cover other types of health facilities in addition to hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, the two types of facilities that were addressed in last year's decision item? Is the Department comfortable with the current level of oversight of the other types of health-facilities that it oversees? If not, when does the Department plan to do something about it?

32. What is the department doing about home-based health care licensing? What statutory authority does the Department have to oversee home-based care? Is the Department seeking a bill to deal with this issue during the 2008 session?

**Decision Item #2, Operation and expansion of the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)**

33. How much more money and how many more FTE will the department need to make the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) fully operational? There have been a series of increasing appropriations for this program, is this the end point?

34. The Department is currently using federal "317" operations money to support this program. Could the department continue to use this source of funds next year and reduce the amount of General Fund needed to implement this Decision Item?

35. What is the source of the Cash Funds Exempt appropriation for the Operating Expenses line in the Immunizations subdivision of the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division?

**Decision Item #4, Sustaining the Office of Health Disparities Infrastructure**

36. Why didn't CDPHE provide more complete information to the fiscal notes analyst about potential FY 2008-09 costs during the fiscal note process for S.B. 07-242?

37. Why shouldn't the program be implemented within existing resources given the "no appropriation" clause that the bill contains?

38. What will happen if this request is denied?

39. Does this mean that this bill needs to be repealed?

**Decision Item #8, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey**

40. What is going to come out of this expenditure that we don't already get from the many health surveys that are done by both public and private entities in Colorado? Why should the state do this?

## **Footnotes**

41. Footnote 5. Please provide JBC staff with the equivalent footnote report for the FY 2006-07 Long Bill. (Footnote 3 to H.B. 06-1385.)

42. Footnote 111. Please evaluate the effectiveness of the “Pockets of Need” immunization decision item that was approved by the JBC for implementation in FY 2004-05. How much is being spent on this effort? Could this money be more effectively spent on other immunization efforts?

43. Footnote 115. Please describe some of the ways that the Department evaluates the effectiveness of the programs run by Tony Grampas Youth Services grantees and describe some of your findings concerning the effectiveness of programs of various types. Is program effectiveness related to cost per program participant?

## **School-based Health Centers**

44. Please update the committee on the Department's School-based Health Centers Program. What is the status of the funding for these centers?