

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the JBC

FROM: Steve Allen, JBC Staff

SUBJECT: Staff Comeback for the Division of Criminal Justice.

DATE: March 20, 2016

Staff needs to clarify that adjustments to funding for the Division of Criminal Justice's S.B. 13-283 study of the criminal justice impacts of retail marijuana will only affect the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund. Some information in the staff DCJ figure setting document indicated incorrectly that the General Fund would be affected.

Analysis: During figure setting for the Division of Criminal Justice, staff recommended that funding for the S.B. 13-283 study of the criminal justice impacts of retail marijuana be phased out due to the expiration of the study's legislative authority. As a result The Committee approved a phase-out appropriation for FY 2016-17 for the study that was \$79,992 lower than the prior year. There was ambiguity in the staff recommendation, however. Some places in the staff document stated that the reduction affected the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, other places indicated that the reduction saved General Fund. In fact the reduction affects the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, not the General Fund.

After OSPB comebacks, the Committee voted to indefinitely extend the legislative mandate for the S.B. 13-283 study. The bill that extends the S.B. 13-283 study will restore the \$79,992 appropriation from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund that is being lost in the Long Bill.