Summary of Legislation

Capital Construction



During the 2024 legislative session, the General Assembly considered a number of bills affecting funding for capital construction and the duties of the Capital Development Committee (CDC).

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<u>House Bill 24-1422</u> raised the cost threshold that delineates controlled maintenance projects from capital renewal projects from \$2 million to \$4.1 million, and indexed it to certain commodity data. The Department of Personnel and Administration must adjust the threshold for inflation every three years beginning on January 1, 2029.

Senate Bill 24-206 extended some funding diversions for capital construction and modified the scope of construction projects in the Capitol Complex. Through July 1, 2031, money from the Capitol Complex Renovation Fund may be allocated to projects to make improvements to buildings in the Capitol Complex that address accessibility under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and state disability discrimination statutes, and other improvements, including to the first floor, basement, and cafeteria of the capitol building.

<u>House Bill 24-1412</u> clarified that spending by the Colorado Adjutant General and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for capital repairs and improvements is subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly. The bill also clarified that any purchase of buildings and property or any capital construction is subject to review and approval by the CDC.

Senate Bill 24-179 directed the Office of the State Architect within the Department of Personnel and Administration and the Colorado Water Conservation Board within the Department of Natural Resources to develop a floodplain management program for state-owned land in counties or municipalities that do not participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program.

Capital Appropriations and Transfers

<u>House Bill 24-1425</u>, part of the FY 2024-25 budget package, made the following transfers to fund 19 capital construction and 20 information technology projects:

- \$160,844,354 from the General Fund to the Capital Construction Fund;
- \$70,811,334 from the General Fund to the IT Capital Account of the Capital Construction Fund;
- \$500,000 from the General Fund Exempt Account to the Capital Construction Fund; and
- \$1,000,000 from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the IT Capital Account of the Capital Construction Fund.

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House Bill 24-1426, part of the FY 2024-25 budget package, transferred the balance of the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund to the General Fund on July 31, 2024.

<u>House Bill 24-1176</u> expanded the scope of the Behavioral Health-Care Continuum Gap Grant Program to include awarding a community investment grant for a new capital construction project and transferred \$4.0 million from the General Fund to the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund for that purpose.

House Bill 24-1231 directed the State Treasurer to execute a lease-purchase agreement of about \$247.0 million by December 31, 2024, to fund capital construction projects related to health care education. The funds raised by the issuance will be used for:

- construction of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Northern Colorado;
- construction of the Health Institute Tower at Metropolitan State University of Denver;
- construction of the Veterinary Health Education Complex at Colorado State University; and
- renovation of the Valley Campus Main Building at Trinidad State College.

<u>Senate Bill 24-222</u> authorized \$4.2 million in funding for two capital construction projects:

 the relocation and consolidation of the Department of Revenue office at 1881 Pierce Street, which is owned by the Department of Personnel and



Administration, to a newly constructed building owned by the Auraria Higher Education Center; and

• the relocation of the History Colorado storage facility to the 1881 Pierce Street building.