

**DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
FY 2008-09 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2007
3:30 - 5:00 pm**

3:30-4:30 STATE TREASURER

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

HEARING QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

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.

**QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
ADMINISTRATION**

1. Are disabled veterans included in the current forecasts for the Homestead Exemption? When will those costs show up?
2. Please discuss changes in the cost of the Homestead Exemption relative to previous projections. Has the exemption been less costly than originally projected?
3. Please discuss the Transparency Initiative proposal, as requested in the FY 2008-09 budget.
4. Please discuss the proposed Information Security Officer position. Would the Department be open to sharing a centralized Information Security Officer position housed outside the Department? Has the Treasurer discussed the potential to combine this position with the information technology personnel in the Executive Branch? Does the Treasury need its own information security officer? If so, why?
5. Please elaborate on the expected benefits of utilizing BondEdge for the State's investments. Why is this system needed in addition to the Bloomberg system? What services does BondEdge provide that are not available through the Treasury's current systems?

4:30-5:00 COVERCOLORADO

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

1. What are CoverColorado'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 CoverColorado'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 CoverColorado in FY 2007-08 being used to achieve your goals? What improvements is your department making in its outputs?
5. Is CoverColorado subject to the provisions of Executive Order D 028 07, Authorizing Partnership Agreements with State Employees? If so, please provide the following: anticipated costs, anticipated savings, and potential benefits from complying with the executive order.

6. Last year's projections showed the next assessment coming in 2012. What has changed since then to: 1) raise the level of assessment required and 2) move up the first assessment date to 2011?
7. What progress have you made since last year in developing either a way to smooth out the assessment process or provide an alternative funding source for the program?
8. Given that the insurance carrier assessment is currently set to expire on July 1, 2008, does CoverColorado have a plan going forward? Do you want to extend the current assessment authority, as recommended in the "sunset review" or will you be ready to propose changes that would smooth out the process?
9. How do you expect the work and recommendations of the "208 Commission" to affect CoverColorado?
10. Do you know whether the Governor intends to appoint the task force recommended in the insurance carrier assessment "sunset review"?
11. If the General Assembly required a "guaranteed issue" policy for Colorado, what would be the fallout of such a change?
12. Does CoverColorado have projections for caseload in future years? How does CoverColorado expect the caseload to change over the course of the current projections? How does the change in caseload relate to the projected increase in costs?