

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

HB25-1154 be amended as follows:

1 Amend the Health and Human Services Committee Report, dated  
2 February 19, 2025, page 24, after line 12 insert:

3 **"SECTION 30. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

4 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to implement this  
5 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general  
6 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of  
7 education for use by library programs for reading services for the blind  
8 is decreased by \$250,000.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, to  
10 implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the Colorado  
11 telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-104 (1),  
12 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state  
13 fiscal year to the department of regulatory agencies for use by the public  
14 utilities commission is decreased as follows:

15 (a) \$265,965 for personal services, and the related FTE is  
16 decreased by 2.0 FTE; and

17 (c) \$3,413,703 for the Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of  
18 hearing, and deafblind cash fund.

19 (3) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, to  
20 implement this act, the reappropriated funds appropriation made in the  
21 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the  
22 department of human services for use by the Colorado commission for the  
23 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind is decreased by \$3,413,703. This  
24 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department  
25 of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission for the  
26 Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind cash  
27 fund.

28 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
29 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26  
30 state fiscal year if:

31 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the  
32 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the  
33 department of education for use by library programs for reading services  
34 for the blind is less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
35 subsection (1) of this section; or

36 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state  
37 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
38 department of education for use by library programs for reading services  
39 for the blind.

40 (5) Subsection (2) of this section does not require a reduction of

1 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26  
2 state fiscal year if:

3 (a) The amount of cash funds appropriation made in the annual  
4 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the  
5 department of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities  
6 commission is less than the amount of the adjustment required in  
7 subsection (2) of this section; or

8 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state  
9 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
10 regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission.

11 (6) Subsection (3) of this section does not require a reduction of  
12 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26  
13 state fiscal year if:

14 (a) The amount of reappropriated funds appropriation made in the  
15 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the  
16 department of human services for use by the Colorado commission for the  
17 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind is less than the amount of the  
18 adjustment required in subsection (3) of this section; or

19 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state  
20 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of  
21 regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission.

22 **SECTION 31. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal  
23 year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies  
24 for use by the public utilities commission. This appropriation is from the  
25 Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-  
26 104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the commission may use this  
27 appropriation for transfer to the reading services for the blind cash fund.

28 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to  
29 the department of education for use by library programs. This  
30 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department  
31 of regulatory agencies under subsection (1) of this section. To implement  
32 this act, library programs may use this appropriation for reading services  
33 for the blind.

34 (3) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$4,958,625 is appropriated  
35 to the department of human services. This appropriation is from the  
36 Colorado division for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind cash fund  
37 created in section 26-21-107 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the  
38 department may use this appropriation as follows:

39 (a) \$4,891,755 for the communication services for people with  
40 disabilities enterprise, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
41 enterprise will require an additional 3.0 FTE; and

42 (b) \$66,870 for the purchase of legal services.

43 (4) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$66,870 is appropriated to

1 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
2 received from the department of human services under subsection (3)(b)  
3 of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law  
4 will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department  
5 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the  
6 department of human services.

7 **SECTION 32. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
8 except that section 30 of this act takes effect only if the annual general  
9 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year becomes law, in which  
10 case section 30 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the  
11 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2025-26, whichever  
12 is later.".

13 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

14 Page 24, after line 17 insert:

15 "Page 1 of the bill, strike line 104 and substitute "ENTERPRISE AND  
16 MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.".".

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