

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1156

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Garcia, Hamrick, Lindsay, Nguyen, Stewart K., Story, McCluskie;  
also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile.

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of higher education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part VII as follows:

**Section 2. Appropriation.**

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APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>PART VII</b>							
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION</b>							
<b>(1) DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>							
Health, Life, and Dental	3,451,453		1,107,054		1,820,283 <sup>a</sup>		524,116 <sup>(f)</sup>
Short-term Disability	3,466,689		1,052,516		1,882,448 <sup>a</sup>		531,725 <sup>(f)</sup>
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance	14,281		4,712		7,563 <sup>a</sup>		2,006 <sup>(f)</sup>
Unfunded Liability	91,802		30,288		48,621 <sup>a</sup>		12,893 <sup>(f)</sup>
Amortization Equalization							
Disbursement Payments	2,040,033		673,063		1,080,452 <sup>a</sup>		286,518 <sup>(f)</sup>
Salary Survey	569,961		194,789		296,328 <sup>a</sup>		78,844 <sup>(f)</sup>
Step Pay	131,676		43,932		68,503 <sup>a</sup>		19,241 <sup>(f)</sup>
PERA Direct Distribution	543,716		215,554		238,450 <sup>a</sup>		89,712 <sup>(f)</sup>
Shift Differential	6,497				6,497 <sup>a</sup>		
Workers' Compensation	83,134				61,665 <sup>a</sup>	21,469 <sup>b</sup>	
Operating Expenses	40,910				40,910 <sup>a</sup>		
Legal Services	195,994		52,730		140,338 <sup>a</sup>	2,926 <sup>b</sup>	
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	1,446,932				1,427,821 <sup>a</sup>	19,111 <sup>b</sup>	
Leased Space	452,188		20,014		120,207 <sup>a</sup>	311,967 <sup>b</sup>	
Payments to OIT	1,008,425		386,051		509,071 <sup>a</sup>	110,931 <sup>b</sup>	2,372 <sup>(f)</sup>
	983,905				484,551 <sup>a</sup>		
CORE Operations	44,611				16,633 <sup>a</sup>	27,978 <sup>b</sup>	
		<del>10,121,613</del>					
		10,112,329					

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<sup>a</sup> Of these amounts, ~~\$3,424,047~~ \$3,449,753 shall be from the State Historical Fund created in Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and ~~\$2,460,333~~ \$2,471,234 shall be from various sources of cash funds. Of the amount from the State Historical Fund, ~~\$2,923,431~~ \$2,940,950 is estimated to be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S., and ~~\$500,616~~ \$508,803 is estimated to be from the Preservation Grant Program Account created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S. Of the amount from various sources of cash funds, ~~\$853,006~~ \$866,031 is estimated to be from the Enterprise Services Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (2), C.R.S., ~~\$185,016~~ \$183,790 is estimated to be from the Private Occupational Schools Fund created in Section 23-64-122 (1), C.R.S., \$113,487 is estimated to be from the Community Museums Cash Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (3), C.R.S., and ~~\$1,307,786~~ \$1,307,926 is from various cash funds.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries.

**(2) COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
HIGHER EDUCATION SPECIAL PURPOSE PROGRAMS**

**(A) Administration**

Administration	<del>6,546,627</del>	<del>5,805,089</del>		417,087 <sup>a</sup>	111,646 <sup>b</sup>	212,805(I)
	6,361,591	5,620,053				
		(37.7 FTE)		(0.4 FTE)	(3.1 FTE)	
		(38.4 FTE)				

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from private college and university fees paid pursuant to Section 23-1-125 (5), C.R.S., and Section 23-2-104.5, C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$105,180 shall be transferred from the Department of Education from the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment line item in the Student Learning section for assistance in aligning public education with postsecondary and workforce readiness standards, and \$6,466 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries.

**(B) Division of Private**

Occupational Schools	1,144,025			1,144,025 <sup>a</sup>		
				(10.3 FTE)		

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Private Occupational Schools Fund created in Section 23-64-122 (1), C.R.S.

**(C) Special Purpose**

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)	169,000				169,000 <sup>a</sup>	
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WICHE - Optometry Distribution to Higher Education Competitive Research Authority	385,500					385,500 <sup>a</sup>	
Veterinary School Capital Outlay	2,800,000				2,800,000 <sup>b</sup>		
Colorado Geological Survey at the Colorado School of Mines	285,000				143,640(1) <sup>c</sup>	141,360 <sup>a</sup>	
Institute of Cannabis Research Hosted at CSU-Pueblo <sup>26</sup> GEAR UP	2,623,287 (15.5 FTE)		725,225		1,898,062 <sup>d</sup>		
Rural Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Professional Development	3,075,000 5,000,000				3,075,000 <sup>e</sup>		5,000,000(1) (29.1 FTE)
Open Educational Resources Initiatives	1,209,357		1,209,357 (0.8 FTE)				
Financial Aid Assessment Tool	1,108,200		1,108,200 (1.0 FTE)				
Growing Great Teachers - Teacher Mentor Grants	154,069					154,069 <sup>a</sup> (0.5 FTE)	
	648,477		648,477 (0.5 FTE)				

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Center for Substance Use Disorder, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center		4,250,000								4,250,000 <sup>e</sup>				
Online Platform for Public Benefits for Higher Education Students		45,000				45,000								
Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program		450,000				450,000								
S.B. 22-192 Development and Implementation of Stackable Credentials		200,535				138,685				61,850 <sup>f</sup> (1.5 FTE)				
S.B. 22-226 CARE FORWARD PROGRAM		<u>1,026,396</u>								1,026,396 <sup>g</sup>				
		<del>22,403,425</del>												
		23,429,821												

<sup>a</sup> Of these amounts, \$749,325 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries and \$100,604 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Innovative Higher Education Research Fund created in Section 23-19.7-104 (1), C.R.S., from limited gaming revenue deposited to the Fund pursuant to Section 44-30-701 (2)(a)(IV), C.R.S., in prior years.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from student fees from non-resident students, including fees paid on behalf of non-resident students by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, pursuant to Section 23-31-118 (2), C.R.S. This amount is shown for informational purposes only because the student fees are paid directly to the Veterinary School at Colorado State University.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from the Severance Tax Operational Fund created in Section 39-29-109 (2)(b), C.R.S., pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1)(b), C.R.S.

<sup>e</sup> These amounts shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>f</sup> This amount shall be from the Credentials to Support Colorado Jobs Cash Fund created in Section 23-5-145.6 (5)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>g</sup> THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RELIEF CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228 (2)(a), C.R.S., ORIGINATING FROM GENERAL FUND.

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**(D) Lease Purchase Payments and Capital-related Outlays**

University of Colorado, Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities at Fitzsimons  
 Appropriation to the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund

2,084,712<sup>a</sup>

~~16,866,824~~  
17,331,645

Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities Pursuant to Section 23-19.9-102, C.R.S.

~~16,866,824<sup>a</sup>~~  
17,331,645<sup>c</sup>

Annual Depreciation-Lease Equivalent Payment

13,100,234

Senate Bill 20-219 COP Payments

4,756,000

Lease Purchase Payment for Colorado State University National Western Center

17,501,006<sup>d</sup>

71,745,876  
72,283,306

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons Trust Fund created in Section 23-20-136 (3)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund created in Section 23-19.9-102 (1)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund created in Section 23-19.9-102 (1)(a), C.R.S. The reapportioned funds are from General Fund amounts included in the Appropriation to the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund line item in this subdivision.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from the National Western Center Trust Fund created in Section 23-31-902 (2), C.R.S., and originates as General Fund pursuant to Section 23-31-902 (3), C.R.S.

**(E) Tuition/Enrollment Contingency<sup>27</sup>**

75,000,000

75,000,000<sup>a</sup>



APPROPRIATION FROM

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Tuition Assistance for Career and Technical Education Certificate Programs	450,000		450,000				
Fourth-year Innovation Pilot Program	555,573 290,958		555,573 290,958 (1.0 FTE) (0.3 FTE)				
State Aid for Foster Students Program	2,962,463 4,059,272		2,962,463 4,059,272 (4.0 FTE)				
Postsecondary Assistance for Students who were Homeless in High School	1,655,041		1,655,041 (2.0 FTE)				
	<u>36,574,695</u>						
	39,406,889						
		321,587,867					
		322,420,061					

**(4) COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM**

**(A) Stipends**

Stipends for an estimated  
115,406 eligible full-time  
equivalent students at \$3,480  
per 30 credit hours

401,613,924

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Stipends for an estimated 1,505 eligible full-time equivalent students attending participating private institutions at \$1,740 per 30 credit hours	2,618,369						
	<u>404,232,293</u>		47,396,881	356,835,412 <sup>a</sup>			

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.

**(B) Fee-for-service Contracts with State  
Institutions**

Fee-for-service Contracts with State Institutions Pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S.	632,467,631						
	<u>624,897,884</u>						

Fee-for-service Contracts with State Institutions for Specialty Education Programs <sup>25</sup>	214,002,755						
	<u>212,452,274</u>						

Limited Purpose Fee-for-Service Contracts with State Institutions	6,440,376						
	<u>3,426,476</u>						
	<u>852,910,762</u>		156,848,950	696,061,812 <sup>a</sup>			
	840,776,634		144,714,822				

1,257,143,055  
1,245,008,927

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<p><sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.</p>							
<b>(5) GOVERNING BOARDS<sup>29</sup></b>							
<b>(A) Trustees of Adams State University<sup>29</sup></b>							
	57,763,652				29,133,835 <sup>a</sup>	28,629,817 <sup>b</sup>	
	57,522,050					28,388,215 <sup>b</sup>	
	(418.0 FTE)						
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$25,204,933 shall be from the students' share of tuition, \$3,907,170(I) shall be from mandatory fees, and \$21,732(I) represents an estimate of limited gaming tax revenues that will be distributed pursuant to Section 44-30-702 (3)(c)(I), C.R.S.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$2,655,240 for student stipend payments, \$25,909,577-\$25,700,475 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and \$65,000 \$32,500 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>							
<b>(B) Trustees of Colorado Mesa University<sup>29</sup></b>							
	149,019,275				98,797,167 <sup>a</sup>	50,222,108 <sup>b</sup>	
	148,545,710					49,748,543 <sup>b</sup>	
	(936.8 FTE)						
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$89,579,790 shall be from the students' share of tuition, \$7,417,281(I), shall be from mandatory fees, and \$1,800,096(I) represents an estimate of limited gaming tax revenues that will be distributed pursuant to Section 44-30-702 (3)(c)(I), C.R.S.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$20,742,192 for student stipend payments, \$29,264,916-\$28,898,851 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and \$215,000 \$107,500 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>							
<b>(C) Trustees of Metropolitan State University of Denver<sup>29</sup></b>							
	254,187,312				148,320,036 <sup>a</sup>	105,867,276 <sup>b</sup>	
	253,306,410					104,986,374 <sup>b</sup>	
	(1,431.8 FTE)						

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<p><b>(D) Trustees of Western Colorado University<sup>29</sup></b></p> <p>53,641,184 53,374,370 (359.3 FTE)</p>	<p>28,297,579<sup>a</sup></p> <p>25,343,605<sup>b</sup> 25,076,791<sup>b</sup></p>	<p>28,297,579<sup>a</sup></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$22,853,626 shall be from the student's share of tuition and \$5,443,953(I) shall be from mandatory fees.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$5,050,872 for student stipend payments, \$20,127,733 \$19,943,419 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and \$165,000 \$82,500 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>						
<p><b>(E) Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System<sup>29</sup></b></p> <p>919,090,483 916,888,363 (5,222.6 FTE)</p>	<p>668,038,778<sup>a</sup></p> <p>250,984,722<sup>b</sup> 248,782,602<sup>b</sup></p>	<p>66,983</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$578,917,328 shall be from the students' share of tuition, \$88,221,450(I) shall be from mandatory fees, and \$900,000 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$54,989,916 for student stipend payments, \$95,047,506 \$94,033,489 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., \$100,206,766 \$99,388,930 for fee-for-service contracts for specialty education programs, and \$740,534 \$370,267 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>						
<p><b>(F) Trustees of Fort Lewis College<sup>29</sup></b></p> <p>78,012,488 77,805,982 (460.6 FTE)</p>	<p>54,177,066<sup>a</sup></p> <p>23,835,422<sup>b</sup> 23,628,916<sup>b</sup></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

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<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$47,706,975 shall be from the students' share of tuition and \$6,470,091(I) shall be from mandatory fees.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$4,075,776 for student stipend payments, \$19,694,646 \$19,520,640 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and \$65,000 \$32,500 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>							
<b>(G) Regents of the University of Colorado<sup>25, 29, 30</sup></b>	1,866,178,268 1,861,576,936 (10,305.6 FTE)				1,505,527,348 <sup>a</sup>	360,650,920 <sup>b</sup> 356,049,588 <sup>b</sup>	
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$1,417,388,775 shall be from the students' share of tuition, \$72,300,000(I) shall be from mandatory fees, \$13,838,573 shall be from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Moneys Health Education Fund created in Section 24-75-1104.5 (1.7)(c), C.R.S., and \$2,000,000 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$98,554,992 for student stipend payments, \$143,782,858 \$142,008,882 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., \$113,880,907 \$113,063,344 for fee-for-service contracts for specialty education programs, and \$4,422,163 \$2,422,370 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.</p>							
<b>(H) Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines<sup>29</sup></b>	293,449,316 293,170,116 (1,229.4 FTE)				255,308,692 <sup>a</sup>	38,140,624 <sup>b</sup> 37,861,424 <sup>b</sup>	
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$228,524,019 shall be from the students' share of tuition and \$26,784,673(I) shall be from mandatory fees.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$10,598,340 for student stipend payments and \$27,542,284 \$27,263,084 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S.</p>							
<b>(I) University of Northern Colorado<sup>29</sup></b>	162,592,717 162,044,217 (1,203.8 FTE)				92,038,400 <sup>a</sup>	70,554,317 <sup>b</sup> 70,005,817 <sup>b</sup>	

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(J) State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges <sup>29</sup>	696,584,638 694,151,051 (5,942.8 FTE)			396,288,763 <sup>a</sup>	300,295,975 <sup>b</sup> 297,862,288 <sup>b</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$75,053,590 shall be from the students' share of tuition and \$16,984,810(1) shall be from mandatory fees.  
<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$15,081,276 for student stipend payments, ~~\$55,408,041~~ \$54,892,041 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and ~~\$65,000~~ \$32,500 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$346,363,087 shall be from the students' share of tuition, \$30,127,165(1) represents an estimate of limited gaming tax revenues that will be distributed pursuant to Section 44-30-702 (3)(c)(1), C.R.S., and \$19,798,511(1) shall be from mandatory fees.  
<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from General Fund appropriated to the College Opportunity Fund Program in this department, including \$153,385,872 for student stipend payments, ~~\$146,432,324~~ \$144,237,577 for fee-for-service contracts pursuant to Section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., and ~~\$477,679~~ \$238,839 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts.

(6) LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE GRANTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-71-301, C.R.S.

Colorado Mountain College	15,173,668	13,427,901		1,745,767(1) <sup>a</sup>		
	15,075,848	13,330,081				
Aims Community College	18,391,564	15,867,083		2,524,481(1) <sup>a</sup>		
	18,275,413	15,750,932				
	33,565,232					
	33,351,261					

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<b>(7) DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION</b>						
(A) Administrative Costs	1,062,309 (9.0 FTE)				1,062,309 <sup>a</sup>	
<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries.						
(B) Distribution of State Assistance for Career and Technical Education pursuant to Section 23-8-102. C.R.S.	32,689,057				32,689,057 <sup>a</sup>	
<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Education from the Transfer to the Department of Higher Education for Distribution of State Assistance for Career and Technical Education line item appropriation in the Assistance to Public Schools section.						
(C) Area Technical Colleges	22,911,338 22,743,621					22,911,338 22,743,621
(D) Sponsored Programs	2,709,888					
(1) Administration	(23.0 FTE)					
(2) Programs	<u>16,156,031</u> 18,865,919					18,865,919(I)
(E) Colorado First Customized Job Training	4,500,000				4,500,000 <sup>a</sup>	

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<p><sup>a</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Governor - Lieutenant Governor - State Planning and Budgeting from the Colorado First Customized Job Training line item appropriation in the Economic Development Programs section.</p>						
	<del>80,028,623</del>					
	79,860,906					
<p><b>(8) AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER</b></p>						
Administration	31,435,042				31,435,042 <sup>a</sup>	(231.7 FTE)
<p><sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the appropriations to the Governing Boards in the Department of Higher Education for the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education, the Trustees of Metropolitan State College, and the Regents of the University of Colorado.</p>						
<p><b>(9) HISTORY COLORADO</b></p>						
<p><b>(A) Central Administration<sup>1</sup></b></p>						
Central Administration	2,711,913					116,342(1)
	(15.0 FTE)					
Collections and Curatorial Services	1,548,016				1,548,016 <sup>a</sup>	
	(16.5 FTE)					
Facilities Management	1,928,521				1,928,521 <sup>a</sup>	
	(10.0 FTE)					
Capitol Complex Leased Space	968,045					
Historical Site Maintenance and Operations	860,028					
	(6.0 FTE)					
America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission	168,653					
		168,653				
						(1.0 FTE)

APPROPRIATION FROM

	\$	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$	GENERAL FUND	\$	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	\$	CASH FUNDS	\$	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$	FEDERAL FUNDS
Lease Purchase of Colorado History Museum		3,567,417		3,525,209						42,208 <sup>a</sup>				
		<u>11,752,593</u>												
<sup>a</sup> Of these amounts, \$6,375,271 shall be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account of the State Historical Fund, created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S., \$300,000 shall be from the Community Museums Cash Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (3), C.R.S., and \$185,000 shall be from the Enterprise Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (2), C.R.S. Amounts in the Museum and Preservation Operations Account are from limited gaming revenues deposited in the State Historical Fund pursuant to Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and allocated pursuant to Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c), C.R.S.														
<b>(B) History Colorado Museums<sup>31</sup></b>														
History Colorado Center		1,294,662								891,673 <sup>a</sup>		325,000 <sup>b</sup>		77,989(I)
		(7.0 FTE)												
Community Museums		3,366,810		1,357,768						2,006,039 <sup>c</sup>				3,003(I)
		(19.0 FTE)												
Statewide Programming		4,752,802								4,752,802 <sup>d</sup>				
		<u>(34.5 FTE)</u>												
		<u>9,414,274</u>												

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$757,829 shall be from the Enterprise Services Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (2), C.R.S., and \$133,844 shall be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account of the State Historical Fund, created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S. Amounts in the Museum and Preservation Operations Account are from limited gaming revenues deposited in the State Historical Fund pursuant to Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and allocated pursuant to Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from indirect cost recoveries from the State Historical Fund program.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, \$1,027,612 shall be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account of the State Historical Fund, created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S., and \$978,427 shall be from the Community Museums Cash Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (3), C.R.S. Amounts in the Museum and Preservation Operations Account are from limited gaming revenues deposited in the State Historical Fund pursuant to Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and allocated pursuant to Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c), C.R.S.

<sup>d</sup> Of this amount, \$2,678,895 shall be from the Enterprise Services Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (2), C.R.S., and \$2,073,907 shall be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account of the State Historical Fund, created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S. Amounts in the Museum and Preservation Operations Account are from limited gaming revenues deposited in the State Historical Fund pursuant to Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and allocated pursuant to Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c), C.R.S.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>(C) Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation<sup>31</sup></b>							
Program Costs	2,090,386 (23.5 FTE)		61,531		940,479 <sup>a</sup>	147,283 <sup>b</sup>	941,093(1)
Native American boarding School Research Program	333,333 (2.0 FTE)		333,333				
	<u>2,423,719</u>						
<p><sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$880,479 shall be from the Museum and Preservation Operations Account of the State Historical Fund, created in Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S., and \$60,000 shall be from the Enterprise Services Cash Fund created in Section 24-80-209 (2), C.R.S. Amounts in the Museum and Preservation Operations Account are from limited gaming revenues deposited in the State Historical Fund pursuant to Section 9 (5)(b)(II) of Article XVIII of the State Constitution and allocated pursuant to Section 44-30-1201 (5)(c), C.R.S.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> This amount shall be transferred from the Governor - Lieutenant Governor - State Planning and Budgeting from the Economic Development Programs section from revenues associated with the Historic Tax Credit program.</p>							
<b>(D) State Historical Fund Program</b>							
Administration	2,061,430 (20.0 FTE)				2,061,430 <sup>a</sup>		
Statewide Preservation Grants	9,000,000				9,000,000(I) <sup>a</sup>		
Gaming Cities Distributions	6,489,914				6,489,914(I) <sup>b</sup>		
Indirect Cost Assessment for History Colorado Administration	<u>325,000</u>				325,000 <sup>a</sup>		
	<u>17,876,344</u>						



APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS		

family medicine residency placements associated with care provided by the faculty of the health sciences center campus at the University of Colorado that are eligible for payment pursuant to Section 25.5-4-401, C.R.S. If the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services continues to allow the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to make supplemental payments to the University of Colorado School of Medicine, the Department of Higher Education shall transfer the amount approved, up to \$112,280,907, to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing pursuant to Section 23-18-304(1)(c), C.R.S. If permission is discontinued, or is granted for a lesser amount, the Department of Higher Education shall transfer any portion of the \$112,280,907 that is not transferred to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to the Regents of the University of Colorado.

26 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Special Purpose Programs, Special Purpose, Institute of Cannabis Research Hosted at CSU - Pueblo -- Of the appropriation in this line item, \$700,000 remains available until the close of the 2026-27 fiscal year.

27 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education and Higher Education Special Purpose Programs, Tuition/Enrollment Contingency -- The Colorado Commission on Higher Education may transfer spending authority from this line item to the Governing Boards if tuition revenue increases beyond appropriated levels. The spending authority for this line item is in addition to the funds appropriated directly to the Governing Boards. It is the General Assembly's intent that the Colorado Commission on Higher Education transfer spending authority from this line item to allow institutions to receive and expend tuition revenue beyond appropriated levels that results from higher than expected enrollment and not to support tuition increases that exceed the assumptions outlined in the footnotes for each governing board.

28 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education Financial Aid, Work Study -- Two percent of the Work Study appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

29 Department of Higher Education, Governing Boards; Trustees of Adams State University; Trustees of Colorado Mesa University; Trustees of Metropolitan State University of Denver; Trustees of Western Colorado University; Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System; Trustees of Fort Lewis College; Regents of the University of Colorado; Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines; University of Northern Colorado; State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges -- The amounts in these line items are calculated based on the assumption that no undergraduate student with in-state classification will pay more tuition in FY 2025-26 than three and five-tenths percent over what a student would have paid in FY 2024-25 for the same credit hours and course of study, except that mandatory student fees up to a total of \$794 for 30 credit hours at the University of Colorado Boulder may be incorporated into resident tuition rates, with no resulting effective combined tuition and mandatory fee increase to any student, and any incorporated fees shall never be reestablished as a student fee. These amounts are also calculated based on the assumption that each governing board will increase tuition rates for graduate and nonresident students based on its assessment of market conditions, except that the calculation for any institution at which the state contributes a share of nonresident tuition is based on the assumption that no student with nonresident classification will pay more tuition in FY 2025-26 than three and five-tenths percent over what a student would have paid in FY 2024-25 for the same credit hours and course of study. The General Assembly intends to adjust the amounts in these line items through supplemental action during FY 2025-26 based on updated enrollment estimates and tuition rate information.

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

- 30 Department of Higher Education, Governing Boards, Regents of the University of Colorado -- The appropriation in this line item includes \$2,000,000 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to support scientific research on the impact of high potency THC, related policy analysis, and dissemination of a public information campaign on the impact of high-THC marijuana concentrates. The General Assembly intends that this money be used to build on work conducted by the School of Public Health pursuant to House Bill 21-1317, concerning the regulation of marijuana for safe consumption.
- 31 Department of Higher Education, History Colorado, Central Administration; History Colorado Museums; Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., History Colorado may transfer up to 10.0 percent of the total amount appropriated in these sections between the sections and among the line items within the sections.
- 32 Department of Higher Education, History Colorado, Cumbres and Toltec Railroad Commission -- The amount in this line item is calculated based on the following assumptions: (1) This line item includes \$280,000 General Fund for annual Commission operating expenses and other routine ongoing costs including controlled maintenance; (2) the balance of the General Fund appropriation, totaling \$1,085,000, is for capital projects including locomotive boiler repair, passenger car upgrades, and track, bridge, and tunnel upgrades.

APPROPRIATION FROM

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION 2. Appropriation to the department of higher education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2024, section 2 of chapter 519, (HB 24-1430), amend Part VII (2)(C) and the affected totals; and add footnote 31a, as Part VII (2)(C) and the affected totals are amended by Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 1 of chapter 457, (SB 25-094), and as Part VII (2)(C) and the affected totals are further amended by section 10 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), as follows:

Section 2. Appropriation.

**PART VII  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**(2) COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
HIGHER EDUCATION SPECIAL PURPOSE PROGRAMS**

(C) Special Purpose							
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)	169,000					169,000 <sup>a</sup>	
WICHE - Optometry	385,500					385,500 <sup>a</sup>	
Distribution to Higher Education Competitive Research Authority	2,800,000				2,800,000 <sup>b</sup>		
Veterinary School Capital Outlay	285,000				143,640(I) <sup>c</sup>	141,360 <sup>a</sup>	
Colorado Geological Survey at the Colorado School of Mines	2,537,761 (15.5 FTE)		701,581		1,836,180 <sup>d</sup>		
Institute of Cannabis Research Hosted at CSU-Pueblo <sup>31</sup>	3,800,000				3,800,000 <sup>e</sup>		5,000,000(I) (29.1 FTE)
GEAR UP	5,000,000						
Prosecution Fellowship Program	356,496						

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FEDERAL FUNDS

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Colorado State Forest Service at Colorado State University	114,384	114,384							
Rural Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Professional Development	1,209,357	1,209,357 (0.8 FTE)							
Open Educational Resources Initiatives	1,108,200	1,108,200 (1.0 FTE)							
Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program Cash Fund at Colorado State University	8,000,000	8,000,000							
Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund at Colorado State University	2,449,113	2,449,113							
Financial Aid Assessment Tool	154,069							154,069 <sup>a</sup>	(0.5 FTE)
Growing Great Teachers - Teacher Mentor Grants	548,477	548,477 (0.5 FTE)							
SB23-005 CCHE Grants to Expand Forestry Programs <sup>31a</sup>	766,418	766,418							
	1,803,568	1,803,568							

APPROPRIATION FROM

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Center for Substance Use Disorder, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Strategies at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center		4,250,000								4,250,000 <sup>e</sup>				
Online Platform for Public Benefits for Higher Education Students		45,000		45,000										
Inclusive Higher Education Grant Program		450,000		450,000										
S.B. 22-192 Development and Implementation of Stackable Credentials		123,700		61,850						61,850 <sup>f</sup> (1.5 FTE)				
		<u>34,552,475</u>												
		35,589,625												

<sup>a</sup> Of these amounts, \$749,325 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries and \$100,604 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Innovative Higher Education Research Fund created in Section 23-19.7-104 (1), C.R.S., from limited gaming revenue deposited to the Fund pursuant to Section 44-30-701 (2)(a)(IV), C.R.S., in prior years.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from student fees from non-resident students, including fees paid on behalf of non-resident students by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, pursuant to Section 23-31-118 (2), C.R.S. This amount is shown for informational purposes only because the student fees are paid directly to the Veterinary School at Colorado State University.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from the Severance Tax Operational Fund created in Section 39-29-109 (2)(b), C.R.S., pursuant to Section 39-29-109.3 (1)(b), C.R.S.

<sup>e</sup> These amounts shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>f</sup> This amount shall be from the Credentials to Support Colorado Jobs Cash Fund created in Section 23-5-145.6 (5)(a), C.R.S.

<b>TOTALS PART VII (HIGHER EDUCATION)</b>		<u>\$6,310,738,197</u>		<u>\$474,893,564</u>		<u>\$1,188,577,036<sup>a</sup></u>		<u>\$3,306,368,493<sup>b</sup></u>		<u>\$1,313,891,684</u>		<u>\$27,007,420<sup>c</sup></u>
		<u>\$6,311,775,347</u>		<u>475,930,714</u>								

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the General Fund Exempt Account created in Section 24-77-103.6 (2), C.R.S.  
<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$313,228,434 contains an (I) notation.  
<sup>c</sup> This amount contains an (I) notation.

**FOOTNOTES --** The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

31a DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION SPECIAL PURPOSE PROGRAMS, SPECIAL PURPOSE, SB23-005 CCHE GRANTS TO EXPAND FORESTRY PROGRAMS -- THIS APPROPRIATION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.



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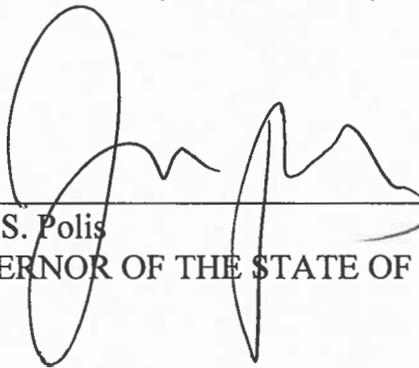


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APPROVED on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 1:00 pm  
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