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HOUSE BILL 26-1372

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Taggart, Sirota;  
also SENATOR(S) Amabile and Bridges, Kirkmeyer.

CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-70-118, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (2) introductory portion, (2)(a), (3), (4) introductory portion, and (5) as follows:

**23-70-118. Requirements for money that is appropriated to the department of higher education for use by the Auraria higher education center - repeal.**

(1) Any money that the general assembly appropriates to the department of higher education for the Auraria higher education center to use for operational costs ~~in~~ FOR the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER must be used as agreed upon by the constituent institutions in baseline service level agreements, including operational costs associated with:

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

(2) Any baseline service level agreement that the Auraria higher education center enters into using money appropriated by the general assembly for the 2025-26 state fiscal year AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER must:

(a) Be executed by the contracting parties no later than ~~September 1, 2025~~ SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, until which time the Auraria higher education center and the constituent institutions shall operate according to existing service level agreements;

(3) In the 2025-26 state fiscal year, AND EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, the Auraria higher education center shall manage all resources related to baseline service level agreements and goals and shall present quarterly updates regarding baseline service level agreements and goals to the constituent institutions.

(4) The Auraria higher education center shall establish fee structures ~~for the 2025-26 state fiscal year~~ for all services that are not already provided for in the baseline service level agreements. The constituent institutions may enter into additional agreements with the Auraria higher education center for services that are not provided for in the baseline service level agreements, in which case the Auraria higher education center shall explain why the additional contracted services do not fall within the baseline service level agreements. The fee structures established pursuant to this subsection (4) must:

(5) This section is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2026~~ JULY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 2. 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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