

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

May 8, 2026

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1250 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Finance Committee Report, dated May 4, 2026, page 1, strike
2 lines 4 and 5 and substitute:

3 "Page 1 of the Judiciary Committee Report, dated April 21, 2026, strike
4 line 15 and substitute:

5 "Page 6 of the bill, line 7, strike "(3)(a)(VII)(B), (5), and (6)" and
6 substitute "(3)(a)(VII)(C), (5), and (6); and **add** (3)(a)(VI.5)".

7 Page 6 of the bill, after line 18 insert:

8 "(VI.5) THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE BALANCE, UP TO
9 FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FISCAL YEAR, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 LOCAL AFFAIRS CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-125 FOR GRANT AND PORTAL
11 ADMINISTRATION RELATED TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE PROCEEDS
12 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-13-701;".".

13 Page 2 of the Finance Committee Report, after line 11 insert:

14 "(III) NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b), BEGINNING IN
15 THE 2027-28 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE FUND MUST ONLY BE FUNDED
16 THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND MONEY TRANSMITTED
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-13-311 (3)(a)(VII)(C). THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
19 THE FUND.

20 (IV) THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR
21 AND THE PRIVATE CONTRACTOR MUST BE CONTINGENT ON MONEY BEING
22 IN THE FUND. IF THE FUND DOES NOT HAVE MONEY, THE GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER MONEY TO
2 THE FUND. THE PRIVATE CONTRACTOR IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
3 LEGAL DEFENSE FOR INDIGENT CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE DEFENDANTS IF
4 THERE IS NO BALANCE REMAINING FROM THE MONEY THE PRIVATE
5 CONTRACTOR RECEIVES FROM THE FUND."

6 Amend the Judiciary Committee Report, dated April 21, 2026, page 5,
7 strike lines 21 through 24 and substitute:

8 "Page 20 of the bill, strike lines 18 through 22 and substitute:

9 **"SECTION 14. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
10 year, \$556,750 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by state
11 courts administration. This appropriation is from the forfeiture defense
12 counsel fund created in section 16-13-318 (3)(a), C.R.S. To implement
13 this act, the administration may use this appropriation for civil assets
14 forfeiture defense contract.

15 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$55,000 is appropriated to the
16 department of local affairs for use by the division of local government.
17 This appropriation is from the proceeds of property forfeited pursuant to
18 section 16-13-311 (3), C.R.S., that is allocated pursuant to section 16-13-
19 311 (3)(a)(VI.5), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this
20 appropriation for civil asset forfeiture portal administration."."

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