

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

May 11, 2026

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1326 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 58, strike lines 14 through 27.

2 Page 59, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute:

3 **"SECTION 49. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
4 year, \$298,448 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies.
5 This appropriation consists of \$223,448 from the public utilities
6 commission fixed utility fund created in section 40-2-114 (1)(b)(II),
7 C.R.S., and \$75,000 from the public utilities commission motor carrier
8 fund created in section 40-2-110.5 (6), C.R.S. To implement this act, the
9 department may use this appropriation as follows:

10 (a) \$232,712, including \$157,712 from the fixed utility fund and
11 \$75,000 from the motor carrier fund, for use by the public utilities
12 commission for personal services, which amount is based on an
13 assumption that the commission will require an additional 1.6 FTE;

14 (b) \$16,048 from the fixed utility fund for use by the public
15 utilities commission for operating expenses; and

16 (c) \$49,688 from the fixed utility fund for the purchase of legal
17 services.

18 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$49,688 is appropriated to
19 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
20 received from the department of regulatory agencies under subsection
21 (1)(c) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department
22 of law will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the
23 department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for
24 the department of regulatory agencies."