

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

April 12, 2022

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

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

HB22-1259 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 5, after line 18 insert:

2 "(f) To support the economic recovery from the COVID-19  
3 pandemic, the department of human services may receive additional  
4 money to support subsidized training and employment. The money may  
5 be used to support current Colorado works participants and individuals  
6 who are eligible for short-term non-recurrent assistance and other  
7 assistance, as defined by the state board of human services, whose  
8 income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level."

9 Page 5, after line 27 insert:

10 "(3) The general assembly further finds and declares that the  
11 increase in basic cash assistance grants and funding for subsidized  
12 employment established in this act are critical government services."

13 Page 7, line 20, strike "INCLUDES" and substitute "INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
14 LIMITED TO,".

15 Page 7, line 23, after "AGE;" insert "OR".

16 Page 7, line 25, strike "OR" and substitute "AND".

17 Page 7, strike lines 26 and 27.

18 Page 8, strike lines 1 and 2.

19 Page 8, strike lines 11 and 12 and substitute "REQUIRE COUNTIES TO

- 1 INFORM AND NOT PENALIZE ANY APPLICANT OR HOUSEHOLD THAT  
2 DEMONSTRATES GOOD CAUSE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM WORK  
3 REQUIREMENTS, WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,".
- 4 Page 8, line 15, after "AGE;" insert "OR".
- 5 Page 8, line 17, strike "OR" and substitute "AND".
- 6 Page 8, strike lines 18 through 21.
- 7 Page 9, strike lines 24 through 27 and substitute "becoming employed.".
- 8 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute "The rules promulgated  
9 by".
- 10 Page 10, line 14, strike "BY THE 2027-28 STATE".
- 11 Page 10, strike line 15 and substitute "FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR  
12 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, is equal to or".
- 13 Page 10, strike lines 21 through 27 and substitute "~~a participant in a~~  
14 ~~similarly sized household on January 1, 2008,~~ ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF  
15 THE AMOUNT OF BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE IN 2021, PLUS TWENTY PERCENT.  
16 FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023, AND EACH STATE  
17 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AMOUNT OF BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE MUST  
18 BE EQUAL TO OR EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE FOR  
19 THE PREVIOUS STATE FISCAL YEAR PLUS A TWO PERCENT COST OF LIVING  
20 ADJUSTMENT OR A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT THAT IS EQUAL TO THE  
21 AVERAGE OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S COST OF  
22 LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR PLUS THE PREVIOUS TWO  
23 FISCAL YEARS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.".
- 24 Strike page 11.
- 25 Page 12, strike lines 1 through 16 and substitute:
- 26           "(II) (A) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
27 TRANSFER EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
28 AND RELIEF CASH FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 24-75-228, TO THE  
29 COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE TO COVER ANY INCREASE IN  
30 BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE ABOVE THE AMOUNT OF BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE  
31 IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.
- 32           (B) THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

1 (1)(b)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE EXPENDED NO LATER THAN  
2 DECEMBER 30, 2026.

3 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
4 2027.

5 (III) (A) BEGINNING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AND EACH  
6 STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXPEND  
7 MONEY IN EQUAL AMOUNTS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND, THE  
8 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND CREATED IN SECTION 38-13-801, AND  
9 AVAILABLE TANF FUNDS, WHICH MUST INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE COLORADO  
10 LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE AND THE TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF  
11 RESERVE TO COVER ANY INCREASE IN BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE ABOVE THE  
12 AMOUNT OF BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22. THE  
13 STATE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTIES SHALL IDENTIFY AN EQUITABLE  
14 PORTION OF THE COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE AND TOTAL  
15 STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS  
16 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(III)(A).

17 (B) IF THE TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE FALLS  
18 BELOW FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT, THE  
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE COLORADO  
20 LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE TO THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT UNTIL THE  
21 BALANCE OF THE TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE EXCEEDS  
22 FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT OR UNTIL THE  
23 COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE FALLS BELOW TWENTY-FIVE  
24 PERCENT OF THE STATE BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT.

25 (C) IF THE COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE FALLS BELOW  
26 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STATE BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT AND THE  
27 TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE EXCEEDS FIFTEEN PERCENT OF  
28 THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT, THE COUNTIES SHALL FUND THE  
29 TANF PROGRAM FROM AVAILABLE TANF FUNDS UNTIL THE TOTAL  
30 STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE FALLS BELOW FIFTEEN PERCENT OF  
31 THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT. COUNTIES ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO  
32 SPEND AVAILABLE TANF MONEY, INCLUDING COUNTY TANF RESERVES  
33 AND THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT, FOR THE COLORADO WORKS  
34 PROGRAM.

35 (IV) BEGINNING JANUARY 2023, AND EACH JANUARY  
36 THEREAFTER, THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL AT LEAST ANNUALLY  
37 REVIEW THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE  
38 AND THE TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE, AND, IF THE JOINT  
39 BUDGET COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO  
40 LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE WILL FALL BELOW TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF  
41 THE STATE BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT AND THE BALANCE OF THE TOTAL  
42 STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE WILL FALL BELOW FIFTEEN PERCENT  
43 OF THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT IN THE CURRENT OR NEXT STATE

1 FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM  
2 THE STATE GENERAL FUND OR THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND TO  
3 COVER ANY INCREASE IN BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE ABOVE THE AMOUNT OF  
4 BASIC CASH ASSISTANCE IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 UNTIL THE  
5 BALANCE OF THE COLORADO LONG-TERM WORKS RESERVE EXCEEDS  
6 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STATE BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT AND THE  
7 TOTAL STATEWIDE COUNTY TANF RESERVE EXCEEDS FIFTEEN PERCENT OF  
8 THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT.

9 (V) THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND A COUNTY DEPARTMENT THAT  
10 RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 SECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE, REPORTING,  
12 RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS  
13 ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING AND  
14 THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-226 (5).".

15 Page 13, lines 3 and 4, strike "~~is strongly encouraged to~~ SHALL ATTEMPT  
16 TO" and substitute "is strongly encouraged to".

17 Page 13, strike line 25 through 27 and substitute:

18 "(2) ~~Repeated~~".

19 Page 14, line 1, strike "WORKS PROGRAM."

20 Page 14, line 15, strike "THE" and substitute "TO THE EXTENT  
21 PRACTICABLE, THE".

22 Page 14, line 16, strike "SHALL" and substitute "MAY".

23 Page 15, line 10, strike "DATA" and substitute "TO THE EXTENT  
24 PRACTICABLE, DATA".

25 Page 15, after line 15 insert:

26 "(4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY REVIEW AND CONSIDER  
27 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
28 THIS SECTION."

29 Page 16, after line 1 insert:

30 "SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-720.5, amend  
31 (3) as follows:  
32 **26-2-720.5. County block grant support fund - created.**

1 (3) (a) A county that meets the criteria established by the state  
2 department and the works allocation committee pursuant to subsection (2)  
3 of this section may request ~~moneys~~ MONEY from the county block grant  
4 support fund. Priority shall be given to any county that exhausts all  
5 ~~moneys~~ MONEY available in the county's block grant for the Colorado  
6 works program for that fiscal year.

7 (b) A COUNTY THAT IS PROJECTED TO EXHAUST ALL MONEY  
8 AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY'S TANF RESERVE AND FACES A LOCAL OR  
9 STATEWIDE NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY MAY REQUEST  
10 MONEY FROM THE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT SUPPORT FUND. THE STATE  
11 DEPARTMENT, WITH INPUT FROM THE WORKS ALLOCATION COMMITTEE,  
12 SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE USE OF THE FUND  
13 IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF A NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY."

14 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

15 Page 16, strike line 21.

16 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

17 Page 17, line 2, strike "IN" and substitute "THROUGH".

18 Page 17, line 3, after "TO" insert "SOCIAL MEDIA,".

19 Page 17, strike lines 18 through 21.

20 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

21 Page 18, line 4, after "CULTURALLY" insert "AND LINGUISTICALLY".

22 Page 18, line 7, strike "STATE;" and substitute "STATE, OR, IN THE  
23 INSTANCE OF A MONOLINGUAL SPEAKER OF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN THE  
24 SEVEN MOST COMMON LANGUAGES, USE BEST EFFORTS TO PROVIDE  
25 SUPPORTS AND COMMUNICATION IN THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THE  
26 INDIVIDUAL;".

27 Page 18, lines 12 and 13, strike "ANY ALLOCATION OR POLICY ADVISORY  
28 COMMITTEES." and substitute "OTHER POLICY CHANGES THAT IMPACT  
29 RECIPIENTS.".

30 Page 18, after line 25 insert:

31 "(5) BEGINNING JANUARY 2023, AND EACH JANUARY THEREAFTER,

1 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION IN ITS REPORT  
3 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
4 AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN  
5 SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AS PART OF ITS  
6 "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND  
7 TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" PRESENTATION REQUIRED  
8 BY SECTION 2-7-203.

9 (6) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY REVIEW AND CONSIDER  
10 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
11 THIS SECTION."

12 **SECTION 11. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,  
13 \$7,000,000 is appropriated to the department of human services for use  
14 by the office of economic security. This appropriation is from the  
15 economic recovery and relief cash fund created in section 24-75-228,  
16 C.R.S., and is of money the state received from the federal coronavirus  
17 state fiscal recovery fund. To implement this act, the office may use this  
18 appropriation for the employment opportunities with wages program. Any  
19 money appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2023, is  
20 further appropriated to the office from July 1, 2023, through December  
21 30, 2024, for the same purpose."

22 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

23 Strike "(4)(e)" and substitute "(4)(d)" on: **Page 18**, lines 15, 22, and 24.

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