

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 6, 2024
Date

Committee on Business Affairs & Labor.

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

HB24-1280 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 1 insert:
 - 2 "(c) "FUND" MEANS THE STATEWIDE WELCOME, RECEPTION, AND
 - 3 INTEGRATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-3.7-205."
- 4 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 5 Page 3, line 9, strike "AS A MIGRANT".
- 6 Page 4, line 1, after "TRAINING," insert "INCLUDING TRAINING ON
- 7 WORKERS' RIGHTS AND IDENTIFYING HOW TO ADDRESS AND AVOID
- 8 EXPLOITATION,".
- 9 Page 4, after line 15 insert:
 - 10 "(k) PROVIDING SERVICES OR REFERRALS TO DISABILITY
 - 11 SERVICES;".
- 12 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 13 Page 4, strike line 27.
- 14 Page 5, line 25, strike "PROGRAM AND MAY PROMULGATE" and substitute
- 15 "PROGRAM.".
- 16 Page 5, strike line 26.
- 17 Page 6, after line 20 insert:

1 "(b) CONDUCT STATEWIDE OUTREACH TO ENSURE THAT ALL
2 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE MIGRANTS ARE AWARE
3 OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT;"

4 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

5 Page 7, line 10, strike "AND" and substitute "KEY BARRIERS TO RECEIVING
6 SERVICES, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE,"

7 Page 7, line 11, after "WHO" insert "REQUESTED AND".

8 Page 7, line 13, after "(2)" insert "(a)".

9 Page 7, line 15, strike "(2)(a), (2)(b),".

10 Page 7, after line 15 insert:

11 "(b) IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY
12 SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO GRANT APPLICANTS THAT ARE BASED IN,
13 OR SERVE POPULATIONS IN, RURAL AND NON-METRO AREAS WITH LIMITED
14 ACCESS TO RESOURCES."

15 Page 7, lines 16 and 17, strike "ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT," and substitute "TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND,"

17 Page 8, strike line 24 and substitute "AS LONG AS THE GRANT PROGRAM IS
18 OPERATIONAL.

19 Page 8, after line 24 insert:

20 **"8-3.7-205. Statewide welcome, reception, and integration**
21 **cash fund - appropriation - repeal.** (1) THE STATEWIDE WELCOME,
22 RECEPTION, AND INTEGRATION CASH FUND IS CREATED IN THE STATE
23 TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY
25 THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE
26 FUND.

27 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
28 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
29 FUND TO THE FUND.

30 (3) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING
31 IN THE FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND

1 AND SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER
2 FUND.

3 (4) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS MAY EXPEND
5 MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2.

6 (5) THE ONA MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
7 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
8 PART 2. THE ONA SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
9 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL
10 CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

11 (6) (a) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
12 TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL
13 FUND TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.

14 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.".

15 Page 8, line 26, strike "employment." and substitute "employment for use
16 by the office of new Americans."

17 Page 8, strike line 27, and substitute "This appropriation is from the
18 statewide welcome, reception, and integration cash fund created in
19 section 8-3.7-205. To implement this act, the office".

20 Page 9, line 1, strike "department".

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