

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 23, 2024
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB24-1379 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 28, strike lines 23 through 27.

2 Strike page 29 and substitute:

3 "SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3, **amend**
4 (1) introductory portion; and **add** (11) as follows:

5 **39-29-109.3. Severance tax operational fund - core reserve -**
6 **grant program reserve - definitions - repeal.** (1) The executive director
7 of the department of natural resources shall submit with the department's
8 budget request for each fiscal year a list and description of the programs
9 the executive director recommends to be funded from the severance tax
10 operational fund created in section 39-29-109 (2)(b), referred to in this
11 section as the "operational fund". Except as otherwise provided in
12 ~~subsection (10)~~ SUBSECTIONS (10) AND (11) of this section, the general
13 assembly may appropriate money from the total money available in the
14 operational fund to fund recommended programs as follows:

15 (11)(a) ON JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
16 SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE
17 OPERATIONAL FUND TO THE CLEAN WATER CASH FUND CREATED IN
18 SECTION 25-8-210 (4) FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
19 AND ENVIRONMENT IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN
20 SECTION 25-8-205.1.

21 (b) ON JULY 1, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
22 SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE
23 OPERATIONAL FUND TO THE CLEAN WATER CASH FUND CREATED IN
24 SECTION 25-8-210 (4) FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
25 AND ENVIRONMENT IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN
26 SECTION 25-8-205.1.

1 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (11) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

2 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-210, add
3 (4)(a)(I.5) and (4)(d) as follows:

4 **25-8-210. Fees established administratively - rules -**
5 **stakeholding requirement - phase-in period - clean water cash fund**
6 **- creation - repeal.** (4) (a) The clean water cash fund is created in the
7 state treasury. The fund consists of:

8 (I.5) MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TRANSFERS TO THE
9 FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (d) FOR THE 2026-27 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND FOR EACH STATE
11 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWO
12 HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS FROM
13 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CLEAN WATER CASH FUND.

14 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal
15 year, \$747,639 is appropriated to the department of public health and
16 environment. This appropriation is from the clean water cash fund created
17 in section 25-8-210 (4)(a), C.R.S. Any money appropriated in this section
18 not expended prior to July 1, 2025, is further appropriated to the
19 department for the 2025-26 state fiscal year for the same purpose. To
20 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

21 (a) \$726,900 for use by the water quality control division for clean
22 water program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the
23 division will require an additional 8.7 FTE; and

24 (b) \$20,739 for the purchase of legal services.

25 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$20,739 is appropriated to
26 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
27 received from the department of public health and environment under
28 subsection (1)(b) of this section and is based on an assumption that the
29 department of law will require an additional 0.1 FTE. To implement this
30 act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal
31 services for the department of public health and environment.

32 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
33 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
35 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
36 institutions."

37 Page 1, line 102, strike "ACTION." and substitute "ACTION, AND, IN
38 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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