

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 11, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB25-1215 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, after line 8 insert:

2 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 33-9-115 as
3 follows:

4 **33-9-115. Strategic outdoor recreation management and**
5 **infrastructure cash fund.** (1) (a) THE STRATEGIC OUTDOOR RECREATION
6 MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS
7 SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND
8 CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION
9 44-40-111 (12)(b) AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
10 MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER
11 SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT
12 AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

13 (b) MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION
14 44-40-111 (12)(b) AND ANY INCOME AND INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE
15 DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF SUCH MONEY IS EXEMPT FROM ANY
16 RESTRICTION ON SPENDING, REVENUE, OR APPROPRIATIONS, INCLUDING,
17 WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE RESTRICTIONS OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF
18 THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

19 (2) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
20 DIVISION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE REASONABLE
21 AND NECESSARY DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED
22 BY THE DIVISION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PURPOSES:

23 (a) THE ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC OUTCOMES OR
24 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ADVANCE OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE
25 AND MANAGEMENT THAT ADDRESS:

26 (I) GROWING OR FUTURE DEMANDS ON INFRASTRUCTURE,
27 EXPERIENCES OR LANDS; AND

1 (II) CURRENT OR EXPECTED IMPACTS TO WILDLIFE, NATURAL OR
2 CULTURAL RESOURCES;
3 (b) USES OUTSIDE REGULAR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COLORADO
4 STATE PARKS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL
5 LAND MANAGERS, NONGOVERNMENTAL OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,
6 STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, LOCAL OR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, OR
7 PROJECTS ADJACENT TO OR RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE COLORADO STATE
8 PARKS SYSTEM. THE DIVISION SHALL PRIORITIZE PARKS AND RECREATION
9 CASH FUND MONEY FOR USES ON OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLORADO
10 STATE PARKS SYSTEM.
11 (c) OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE, PRIORITIZING
12 INVESTMENTS THAT BOTH ENHANCE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND
13 SUPPORT RESOURCE PROTECTION, INCLUDING:
14 (I) TRAIL AND RIVER FEATURE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
15 PLANNING;
16 (II) SIGNAGE;
17 (III) BATHROOM FACILITIES, PARKING, OR OTHER PHYSICAL
18 INFRASTRUCTURE;
19 (d) OUTDOOR RECREATION VISITOR MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING
20 SIGNAGE, PUBLIC EDUCATION, FIELD AND INTERPRETIVE STAFFING, VISITOR
21 AND COMMUNITY SAFETY, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL OR CULTURAL
22 RESOURCE PROTECTION;
23 (e) INCREASING EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IN THE OUTDOORS,
24 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FIELD AMBASSADORS, INTERPRETIVE
25 STAFFING, ADAPTIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
26 EQUIPMENT, AND PROGRAMS; AND
27 (f) OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ANALYSIS AND
28 PLANNING, INCLUDING DATA PROCUREMENT AND ANALYSIS, NEEDS
29 ASSESSMENTS, AND DATA-ORIENTED COORDINATION OR INFORMATION
30 SHARING ACROSS ASSOCIATED FEDERAL, LOCAL, PRIVATE, AND STATE
31 PLANNING EFFORTS.
32 (3) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
33 AND DONATIONS, LOANS OF MONEY, OR AID IN ANY FORM FROM PRIVATE
34 OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION
35 SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR
36 DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO
37 THE FUND."

38 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

39 Page 4, line 10, after "**add**" insert "(12)(a)(III.5) and".

40 Page 4, line 12, "strike "(12)(b)" and substitute: "(12) (a) As used in this

1 subsection (12), unless the context otherwise requires:
2 (III.5) "STRATEGIC OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND
3 INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND" MEANS THE STRATEGIC OUTDOOR
4 RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND CREATED
5 IN SECTION 33-9-115 (1)(a).
6 (b)".

7 Page 5, line 4, strike "THE FIRST THREE MILLION".

8 Page 5, strike lines 5 through 11 and substitute "IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
9 SUCH MONEY AVAILABLE IS TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS OR LESS:

10 (A) THE FIRST FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO THE OUTDOOR EQUITY
11 FUND;

12 (B) THE NEXT THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND;

14 (C) THE NEXT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE
15 OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE IN THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-129 (2); AND

17 (D) ANY REMAINING MONEY AS FOLLOWS: FIFTY PERCENT TO THE
18 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND; TWENTY
19 PERCENT TO THE PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CASH FUND; TWENTY
20 PERCENT TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND; AND TEN PERCENT TO THE
21 OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND.

22 (VI) FOR THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND EACH STATE
23 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, TO THE EXTENT AVAILABLE, IF THE TOTAL
24 AMOUNT OF SUCH MONEY AVAILABLE IS MORE THAN TWENTY MILLION
25 DOLLARS:

26 (A) THE FIRST FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO THE OUTDOOR EQUITY
27 FUND;

28 (B) THE NEXT THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
29 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND;

30 (C) THE NEXT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE
31 OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE IN THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
32 DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-48.5-129 (2); AND

33 (D) ANY REMAINING MONEY AS FOLLOWS: FIFTY PERCENT TO THE
34 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FUND; FIFTEEN
35 PERCENT TO THE PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CASH FUND; FIFTEEN
36 PERCENT TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND; TEN PERCENT TO THE OUTDOOR
37 EQUITY FUND; FIVE PERCENT TO THE OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY
38 OFFICE IN THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CREATED IN SECTION
39 24-48.5-129 (2); AND FIVE PERCENT TO THE STRATEGIC OUTDOOR
40 RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND."

1 Page 1, lines 102 and 103, strike "REDISTRIBUTING FUNDS FOR THE
2 OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND AND" and substitute "MODIFYING THE
3 DISTRIBUTIONS OF LOTTERY FUND MONEY FOR".

4 Page 1, line 104, strike "FUND." and substitute "FUND, THE WILDLIFE
5 CASH FUND, AND THE PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION CASH FUND;
6 AND MAKING NEW DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE OUTDOOR EQUITY FUND, THE
7 OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY OFFICE, AND A NEW STRATEGIC
8 OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH
9 FUND.".

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