

# MEMORANDUM



## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO JBC Members  
FROM JBC Staff  
DATE January 28, 2021  
SUBJECT Comeback Packet 5

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Included in this packet are staff comeback memos for the following items:

**Department of Public Safety:** (Emily Hansen): Firefighting Aviation Resources roll-forward authority (*Technical*)

**Office of the Governor:** (Scott Thompson): Footnote directing a portion of funding to Economic Development Organizations (*Technical*)

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## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee  
FROM Emily Hansen, JBC Staff (303-866-4961)  
DATE January 28, 2021  
SUBJECT Supplemental Comeback – Firefighting Aviation Resources Roll-forward authority

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The committee approved the staff recommendation for the Wildfire Stimulus Package for the Department of Public Safety on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. The recommendation included creating a new line item within the Division of Fire Prevention and Control for the firefighting aviation contracts included in the request. The recommendation also included a direct General Fund appropriation for these expenses, rather than the cash fund transfer presented in the Department request.

During the Comeback process, The Governor’s Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) requested roll-forward authority on the new line item if the staff recommendation was approved. The authority is requested because fire seasons occur over two fiscal years. The Department has noted that while contracts are predictable expenses, unpredictable fire years can require unforeseen expenses. Without roll-forward authority, the Department will not have the flexibility necessary to cover these costs.

The Department and OSPB have requested multi-year authority due to the unpredictability of firefighting expenses year to year.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends one year roll-forward authority. If it becomes clear that there is cause for the authority to be extended, the JBC can revisit the issue at that time. Staff has drafted the following footnote accordingly:

“Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Aviation Resources – This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2021-22 state fiscal year.”

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## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Joint Budget Committee  
FROM Scott Thompson, JBC Staff (303-866-4957)  
DATE January 28, 2021  
SUBJECT Footnote directing a portion of funding to Economic Development Organizations

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On January 26, 2021, the Joint Budget Committee approved a motion to appropriate \$15.0 million General Fund to the Colorado Economic Development Fund (“Strategic Fund”) in FY 2020-21 with a footnote attached to the appropriation directing funding to local Economic Development Organizations. Subject to final review from staff from the Office of Legislative Legal Services, JBC Staff recommends the Committee approve the following footnote to include in the supplemental bill for the Governor’s Office:

- x Governor – Lieutenant Governor – State Planning and Budgeting, Economic Development Programs, Appropriation to the Colorado Economic Development Fund -- It is the General Assembly’s intent that of this appropriation, \$1,500,000 be used to support local economic development organizations throughout the state.