

# MEMORANDUM



## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee  
FROM Steve Allen, JBC Staff (303-866-4961)  
DATE May 22, 2020  
SUBJECT Comebacks for DOC and Judicial

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**Staff recommends that the Committee approve a fix for a staff technical error in the Department of Corrections (DOC)** and move a \$21,115 General Fund appropriation from one line item to another in the Youthful Offender System (YOS) portion of the Department of Corrections (DOC) Long Bill. There is no change in the total GF appropriation.

During Figure Setting for the Department of Corrections staff recommended and the JBC approved a \$21,115 General Fund increase for the cost of maintenance and food at the YOS, which is located on the campus of the Colorado Mental Health Institutes at Pueblo and purchases food from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and also receives maintenance services from DHS. However, in the February figure setting document for Corrections, staff mistakenly placed this increase on the YOS *Contract Services* line item when it should have been on the *Maintenance and Food Services* line.

**DOC footnote correction:** Staff recommends the following amendment to a footnote already approved by the Committee. The amendment reflects the changed name of a program, the dollars involved are unchanged.

- 6 Department of Corrections, Community Services, Parole Subprogram, Community Re-entry Subprogram, ~~Work Release Program~~ TRANSITIONAL WORK PROGRAM -- The \$3,500,000 FY 2019-20 appropriation from the General Fund to the Parole Subprogram's Work Release Program remains available to the Community Re-entry Subprogram's ~~Work Release Program~~ TRANSITIONAL WORK PROGRAM until the close of the 2020-21 state fiscal year.

**Staff recommends that the Committee approve a fix for a staff technical error in the Judicial Department relating to indirect costs.** The Department uses indirect cost assessments to pay part of the cost of its *General Courts Administration* line item. Unfortunately, for FY 2020-21 assessment revenue has declined by \$312,366, General Fund, but staff failed to recommend the required \$312,366 General Fund increase during figure setting. Staff now recommends an additional \$312,366 General Fund appropriation to reflect the reduced indirect cost assessments.

**Slightly changed estimate of savings from the targeted PERA swap for judges.** When staff presented the targeted PERA swap for judges (in lieu of a personal services base reduction), staff provided information implying that a 5 percent PERA swap would save \$2.7 million General Fund. Judicial has provided staff with an updated estimate that the swap will save \$2,696,865 General Fund. Staff requests permission to place this revised estimate in the appropriation clause for LLS 20-1280.01, the PERA swap bill.

**Judicial footnote correction: Staff recommends an amendment to a Judicial footnote already approved by the Committee.** The change at the beginning of the footnote reflects the substantial number of Health, Life, and Dental appropriations in the Judicial Branch. In addition, the reported General Fund savings is \$200,000 lower (which reflects the misclassification of a cash funds

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expenditure as General Fund). However there is no change to your General Fund balance because the JBC budgeting system has contained the correct number from when I first entered it.

N Judicial Department, Courts Administration, Central Appropriations, Health, Life, and Dental Attorney; OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL; OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL, HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL; OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE, HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL; OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL, HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL; OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN; INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION -- The General Fund appropriation includes a decrease FOR JUDICIAL BRANCH AGENCIES OF THAT TOTALS ~~\$15,286,410~~ \$15,086,946 that AND is equal to 5.0 percent of the General Fund portion of estimated base salary for the Department. The reduction in this General Fund appropriation is in lieu of a 5.0 percent personal services base reduction and provides the Department with increased flexibility to absorb the reduction and engage in more considered targeted reductions across all department divisions and programs. This reduction is not intended to reduce the Health, Life, and Dental benefit provided to state employees. It is the General Assembly's intent that Health, Life, and Dental costs for employees, as approved in budget actions, be fully paid within personal services appropriations augmented by Department allocations from central benefits appropriations.