



# JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF FY 2020-21 BUDGET BRIEFING SUMMARY

Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

*Department of State*

The Department of State administers statutory provisions that pertain to elections; manages the statewide voter registration database; oversees campaign finance reporting; registers lobbyists and monitors the filing of required disclosures; collects, maintains, and provides public access to business filings; regulates charities and charitable gaming; and certifies notaries public. The Department's FY 2019-20 appropriation represents approximately 0.1 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.1 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

## FY 2019-20 APPROPRIATION AND FY 2020-21 REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF STATE				
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	FTE
FY 2019-20 APPROPRIATION:				
FY 2019-20 Long Bill (SB 19-207)	\$37,369,416	\$6,300,000	\$31,069,416	145.9
Other legislation	2,684,213	2,118,590	565,623	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,053,629</b>	<b>\$8,418,590</b>	<b>\$31,635,039</b>	<b>145.9</b>
FY 2020-21 REQUESTED APPROPRIATION:				
FY 2019-20 Appropriation	\$40,053,629	\$8,418,590	\$31,635,039	145.9
R1 Outreach to Eligible but Unregistered Voters	135,000	0	135,000	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	421,242	0	421,242	0.0
Technical changes	218,574	0	218,574	0.0
Non-prioritized request items	216,659	0	216,659	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	(8,907,722)	(8,418,590)	(489,132)	0.0
Annualize prior year budget actions	(900,000)	0	(900,000)	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,237,382</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$31,237,382</b>	<b>145.9</b>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE)</b>	<b>(\$8,816,247)</b>	<b>(\$8,418,590)</b>	<b>(\$397,657)</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Percentage Change	(22.0%)	(100.0%)	(1.3%)	0.0%

**R1 OUTREACH TO ELIGIBLE BUT UNREGISTERED VOTERS:** The request includes a one-time increase of \$135,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to provide outreach to eligible, but unregistered voters. Colorado is a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a multistate nonprofit organization with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. The additional spending authority would enable the Department to contact all citizens on ERIC's list of eligible, but unregistered voters. Absent this additional spending authority, the Department would only contact individuals who have been added to the list within the last two years.

**CENTRALLY APPROPRIATED LINE ITEMS:** The request includes an increase of \$421,242 cash funds for centrally appropriated line items summarized in the table below:

CENTRALLY APPROPRIATED LINE ITEMS				
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	FTE
Salary survey adjustment	\$231,151	\$0	\$231,151	0.0
Health, life, and dental adjustment	85,667	0	85,667	0.0
Payments to OIT	82,909	0	82,909	0.0
Legal services	81,558	0	81,558	0.0
Indirect cost assessment	9,141	0	9,141	0.0
AED adjustment	8,583	0	8,583	0.0
SAED adjustment	8,583	0	8,583	0.0
Workers' compensation	5,806	0	5,806	0.0
CORE adjustment	3,885	0	3,885	0.0
Short-term disability adjustment	339	0	339	0.0
ALJ adjustment	(70,228)	0	(70,228)	0.0
Payment to risk management / property funds adjustment	(14,669)	0	(14,669)	0.0
PERA Direct Distribution	(11,483)	0	(11,483)	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$421,242</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$421,242</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**TECHNICAL CHANGES:** The request includes an increase of \$218,574 from the Electronic Recording Technology Fund for an adjustment to the Electronic Recording Technology Board's beginning balance, provided for informational purposes.

**NON-PRIORITIZED REQUESTS:** The request includes an increase of \$216,659 cash funds for the non-prioritized request items summarized in the table below.

NON-PRIORITIZED REQUEST ITEMS				
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	FTE
Document management	\$199,126	\$0	\$199,126	0.0
Paid family leave	11,876	0	11,876	0.0
OIT Budget request package	3,593	0	3,593	0.0
DPA Annual fleet vehicle request	2,064	0	2,064	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$216,659</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$216,659</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION:** The request includes adjustments for the out-year impact of prior legislation.

ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR LEGISLATION				
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	FTE
Annualize SB 18-200 (PERA)	\$55,941	\$0	\$55,941	0.0
SB 17-305 Primary Election Clean-up	(6,300,000)	(6,300,000)	0	0.0
HB 19-1278 Uniform Election Code	(2,381,693)	(2,118,590)	(263,103)	0.0
SB 19-235 Automatic Voter Registration	(67,840)	0	(67,840)	0.0
SB 19-086 Update Business Entity Laws	(59,360)	0	(59,360)	0.0
SB 19-202 Voters with Disabilities	(50,000)	0	(50,000)	0.0
HB 19-1318 Clean Campaign Act	(42,650)	0	(42,650)	0.0
HB 19-1248 Lobbyist Transparency Act	(38,160)	0	(38,160)	0.0
HB 19-1266 Restore Voting Rights to Parolees	(16,960)	0	(16,960)	0.0
HB 19-1007 Contribution Limits for County Offices	(7,000)	0	(7,000)	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$8,907,722)</b>	<b>(\$8,418,590)</b>	<b>(\$489,132)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**ANNUALIZE PRIOR YEAR BUDGET ACTIONS:** The request includes a decrease of \$900,000 cash funds to reflect the annualization of 2020 Presidential primary public outreach for FY 2019-20.

	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	FTE
Annualize prior year salary survey	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2020 Presidential primary public outreach	(900,000)	0	(900,000)	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$900,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$900,000)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## SUMMARY OF ISSUES PRESENTED TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

**R1 OUTREACH TO ELIGIBLE BUT UNREGISTERED VOTERS:** The Department of State requests an increase of \$135,000 from the Department of State Cash Fund to provide outreach to eligible, but unregistered voters. The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) estimates that the list of eligible, but unregistered Coloradans is between 400,000 and 900,000. Absent this additional spending authority, the Department would only contact individuals who have been added to the list within the last two years, estimated at 100,000. The outreach mailing would take place in September 2020 and allow recipients enough time to register as a voter and receive a ballot in the mail prior to Election Day.

**REIMBURSEMENT ISSUES ARISING FROM HOUSE BILL 19-1278:** This issue discusses deficiencies in House Bill 19-1278, which created the Local Elections Assistance Cash Fund and appropriated just over \$2.2 million from the General Fund to defray the costs of new Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs) in the counties. Specific language in the legislation precludes the Department from reimbursing counties for some types of equipment necessary to establish VSPCs and in cases where counties choose to lease instead of buy equipment. The Department wants legislation introduced to amend the language causing these issues.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**TO READ THE ENTIRE BRIEFING:** [http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/fy2020-21\\_stabrf.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/fy2020-21_stabrf.pdf)