

Joint Budget Committee Staff FY 2025-26 Budget Briefing Summary

IT Capital

The *Information Technology Projects* or “IT Capital” section of the Long Bill includes appropriations to state departments and institutions of higher education for information technology projects. In 2020, the JBC approved the addition of a separate *Information Technology Projects* section of the Long Bill for the 2021 Long Bill.

This section’s FY 2024-25 appropriation represents approximately 0.4 percent of statewide appropriations and 0.5 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

Summary of Request

FY 2025-26 Information Technology Projects - Governor's Prioritized Request						
		Total Funds	Capital Constr'n Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds
FY 2024-25 Appropriation						
FY 2024-25 Long Bill (HB 24-1430)		\$158,354,132	\$86,836,669	\$14,255,934	\$0	\$57,261,529
TOTAL		\$158,354,132	\$86,836,669	\$14,255,934	\$0	\$57,261,529
OSP Prior.		FY 2024-25 OSPB Prioritized GF Requests				
1	PER	Payroll Modernization	\$13,731,158	\$13,731,158	\$0	\$0
2		Offender Records Management System				
	COR	(DeCORuM)	3,023,613	3,023,613	0	0
3	PubSaf	Records Utilization Upgrade	1,635,581	1,635,581	0	0
4	PubHea	Stationary Sources Solution Modernization	3,936,306	3,936,306	0	0
5	PubHea	COWIC Continuation	1,933,648	581,657	0	1,351,991
6	HCPF	CBMS Reprocurement	9,618,906	1,805,083	0	7,813,823
7	HCPF	OeHI Colorado Social Health Information Exchange (CoSHIE)	8,139,343	1,203,920	0	6,935,423
8		Auraria Campus Network Infrastructure Modernization Project				
	HED1		3,457,666	3,457,666	0	0
9		Colorado Northwestern Community College South Campus Redundancy Upgrade				
	HED2		571,162	571,162	0	0
10	PER	OAC Court Management System	3,375,426	0	3,375,426	0
11	EDU	School Finance Placeholder	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0
SUBTOTAL - OSPB Prioritized GF Requests		\$52,422,809	\$32,946,146	\$0	\$3,375,426	\$16,101,237

FY 2025-26 Information Technology Projects - Governor's Prioritized Request

			Total Funds	Capital Constr'n Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds
CCHE Priority		FY 2024-25 CCHE Prioritized Requests Beyond OSPB					
2	HED	Mines Network Modernization Refresh	\$4,845,605	\$3,585,748	\$1,259,857	\$0	\$0
4	HED	CC Aurora Campus Technology Modernization	1,999,000	1,819,090	179,910	0	0
5	HED	Otero Campus Security and Device Upgrades	505,050	425,050	80,000	0	0
5	HED	Northeastern Junior College Camera Upgrade	548,035	548,035	0	0	0
7	HED	Red Rocks CC Safety and Security	1,170,015	1,170,015	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL - CCHE Prioritized Requests Beyond OSPB Prioritized			\$9,067,705	\$7,547,938	\$1,519,767	\$0	\$0
TOTAL - All IT Capital Requests			\$61,490,514	\$40,494,084	\$1,519,767	\$3,375,426	\$16,101,237
TOTAL INCREASE/-DECREASE			-\$96,863,618	-\$46,342,585	-\$12,736,167	\$3,375,426	-\$41,160,292
Percentage Change			-61.2%	-53.4%	-89.3%	n/a	-71.9%
TOTAL OSPB PRIORITIZED INCREASE/-DECREASE			\$105,931,323	-\$53,890,523	-\$14,255,934	\$3,375,426	-\$41,160,292
Percentage Change			-66.9%	-62.1%	-100.0%	n/a	-71.9%

PER Payroll Modernization: The Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA) requests \$13,731,158 in Capital Construction Funds in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the final phase of the statewide payroll modernization project. The Department has taken an Agile-phased approach to modernizing the State’s payroll system. The project was appropriated \$6.0 million in Capital Construction Funds in Fiscal Year 2022-23, \$14,249,288 in Fiscal Year 2023-24, and \$17,203,705 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The work to date includes establishing the payroll modernization implementation team, completing the procurement process to select the vendor and award the contract, and implementing the foundational technology and processes for upcoming data migration. The current focus is configuring the new system. The final funding request provides the necessary State and vendor personnel and technology to support data extraction, data quality validation, and thorough testing by users to be certain the appropriate data are migrated and calculations are working as expected in order to pay all State employees timely and accurately from the new payroll system.

COR Offender Records Management System (DeCORuM): The Colorado Department of Corrections requests \$3,023,613 GF for the continuation and completion of the ongoing systems replacement project for its offender management information system. The Department of Corrections Offender Records Management (DeCORuM) Project was initiated in 2015. The requested funds are intended to fund the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) staffing, vendor project management, software maintenance and support fees, database software licensing fees, virtual server costs, and development and deliverable costs.

PubSaf Records Utilization Upgrade: The Department of Public Safety (DPS) requests \$1,635,581 Capital Construction Funds in FY 2025-26 for the second phase of the Records Utilization Upgrade project. The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) submitted an IT capital project request to the Joint Technology Committee (JTC) in July 2023. Phase One was approved and funded at \$525,000 General Fund for FY 2024-25 due to the limited 6 percent growth cap for the CSP's portion of the Highway Users Tax Cash Fund Off-the-Top (HUTF) funding. This request seeks funding for Phase Two for a total of \$1,635,581 Capital Construction Funds in FY 2025-26, for Phase Three for a total of \$2,232,619 Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF) for FY 2026-27, and for Phase Four for a total of \$305,550 HUTF in FY 2027-28.

PubHea Stationary Sources Solution Modernization: The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) requests \$3,936,306 in General Fund for FY 2025-26 for Phase III of the Stationary Sources Solution Modernization project to replace the current outdated (circa 1995) Stationary Sources Program (SSP) data systems used primarily for stationary source regulatory and management purposes. The project is categorized as a System Enhancement Regulatory Compliance project since it is focused on new functionality, improved business processes, improved efficiency as well as public expectation for transparent and simple access to air quality information.

PubHea COWIC Continuation: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children in Colorado (COWIC) in the Prevention Services Division requests \$581,657 Capital Construction Fund in FY 2025-26 following the \$500,000 Capital Construction Fund received in FY 2024-25. This is the final of two state funds requests for a system replacement which supports the modernization of Colorado's WIC program by facilitating a transition to a new participant-centered Management Information System (MIS) that better addresses programmatic and participant needs. WIC MIS encompasses the database and related systems responsible for compliance, reporting, integration, and service delivery for WIC participants throughout the state.

HCPF CBMS Reprocurement: The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), in partnership with the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI), the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) requests \$8,139,343 total funds, including \$1,203,920 in Capital Construction Funds (CCF), and 5.5 HCPF FTE, and 2 Office of Information Technology (OIT) FTE in FY 2025-26; and \$4,049,989 total funds, including \$743,838 CCF, and 5.5 HCPF FTE, and 2 OIT FTE in FY 2026-27 to support the continued expansion and implementation of a technical infrastructure that enables prescribers and community partners to facilitate access to health improvement supports and Colorado Social Health information Exchange (CoSHIE).

HED Auraria Campus Network Infrastructure Modernization Project: This continuation project entails Phase II of updating the components at the core of the Auraria Campus Institutions' combined networking infrastructure. Every program offered by the Community College of Denver (CCD), University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), and Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) within 36 buildings on the Auraria Campus will be impacted by the project upgrades. The project includes modernizing systemwide network infrastructure and replacing aging wired and wireless network equipment and ethernet cabling throughout the shared classroom and office buildings. In addition to providing a more stable and reliable

foundation for our combined enterprise networks, updating to a modern network platform will offer greater monitoring capabilities and security measures for increased cyber security, improving technological resources for students, staff, and faculty for all institutions on campus.

HED Colorado Northwestern Community College South Campus Redundancy Upgrade: The request includes an increase of \$571,162 Capital Construction Funds in FY 2025-26 to enhance redundancy at the Rangley Campus. New uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) equipment will be purchased and then installed by CNCC's IT department. Repeated power failures have killed almost all campus UPS's backup capabilities. Power failures and related power surges when services are restored are a reoccurring problem with CNCC's rural location and extreme wind/weather. CNCC's aged UPS are no longer fully functional and are unable to handle power surges. Due to the replacement expense, regular surge protectors are being used. Storms regularly knock out power to Rangley's south side, and brownouts can occur where power rapidly goes up and down. Without UPS protection, this has and will destroy network switches.

PER OAC Court Management System: The Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA) requests \$3,375,426 reappropriated funds for a new case management system and supporting term-limited FTE and operating costs for the duration of the 3-year appropriation. Replacement of the current system will allow Coloradans to more easily file, receive, and view electronic pleadings with the Office of Administrative Courts (OAC) while at the same time creating efficiencies and improving accuracy for staff by reducing manual entries. A new system will also create a more effective document storage solution for all cases that have exceeded storage limits.

EDU School Finance Placeholder: The request includes a placeholder of \$3,000,000 in FY 2025-26, with an anticipated \$6,000,000 for FY 2026-27 from the Capital Construction fund for a forthcoming request related to School Finance.

HED Mine Network Modernization Refresh: Colorado School of Mines (Mines) requests state funding totaling \$3,585,748 to replace their network infrastructure to advance the institution and provide services that will enhance the current and future learning styles of higher education. Since their FY 2024-25 request was not funded during the last proposal cycle, Mines has adjusted the project scope and phases. Those changes are reflected within this updated request.

HED CC Aurora Campus Technology Modernization: The Community College of Aurora (CCA) is requesting support in the amount of \$1,999,000, to be utilized for technology upgrades at the CentreTech campus. The upgrades will enable the Information Technology Department and the Division of Academic Success to modernize classroom infrastructure and adopt new technology that will enhance the teaching and learning experience. CCA will provide a 9 percent cash investment of \$179,910, which will be funded by Student Technology Fees. The plan will allow us to install digital room scheduling panels, integrate large digital display solutions, and upgrade our paging speakers, creating an entire new eco-system, that will link up to our Emergency Notification System all of which will be ADA compliant ensuring equitable access for all our students and instructors.

HED Otero Campus Security and Device Upgrades: Otero College is requests \$425,050 Capital Construction Fund and \$80,000 from institutional sources to enhance campus security technology. Funding will allow replacement of 90 security cameras around campus and upgrading 25 hardline connections. Cameras targeted for replacement are over 12 years old and produce very low-quality security images. The hardline connections are impacted by weather conditions and need to be updated and hardened.

HED Northeastern Junior College Camera Upgrade: Northeastern Junior College is requesting \$548,035 Capital Construction Fund to replace the aging camera system on its campus. Northeastern Junior College’s camera system is at end of life and significant deficiencies and blind spots on campus have been identified. This creates a serious safety issue for our students, faculty, and staff. The cameras are frequently utilized for Title IX complaints and other issues on campus for investigation purposes. This request will replace all existing cameras on campus and will be able to utilize existing cabling. The equipment to be installed is fully supported by the developer, and the cybersecurity of the IT systems/devices is up to industry standards.

HED Red Rocks CC Safety and Security: Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) is requesting \$1,170,015 for the RRCC Safety and Security project aimed at upgrading the current video surveillance infrastructure and implementing cell phone repeaters across both the Lakewood and Arvada campuses to enhance safety and security measures for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Issues Presented

This is a summary of the briefing issues presented to the Joint Budget Committee by their dedicated non-partisan staff.

Other IT Projects Recommended for Referral to the Joint Technology Committee: This issue presents several options from the Office of Information Technology and from JBC Staff to enhance General Fund in FY 2025-26.

For More Information

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