

# MEMORANDUM



## JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee  
FROM Emily Hansen, JBC Staff (303-866-4961)  
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SUBJECT DHS H.B. 22-1303 Annualization

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In drafting the Long Bill section for the Department of Human Services, staff identified that the Department's base request includes \$7.5 million from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund for Mental Health Transitional Living Homes from [H.B. 22-1303 \(Increase Residential Behavioral Health Beds\)](#), which originate as ARPA funds.

Staff is not including ARPA cash funds in the Long Bill for FY 2024-25. The Department indicates that \$5,339,359 would need to be refinanced with General Fund to maintain the anticipated capacity for the Mental Health Transitional Living Homes program. The Department indicates that without this funding, they will not be able to open 84 of the planned 146 beds.

**Staff recommends removing this funding from the annualization for H.B. 22-1303.** This retains the existing \$12.6 million General Fund appropriation to support Mental Health Transitional Living Homes in FY 2024-25, but reduces capacity by 84 beds.