

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Joint Budget Committee

**FROM:** Carolyn Kampman, JBC Staff

**SUBJECT:** Revised Recommendation for Gambling Addiction Counseling Services

**DATE:** March 11, 2014

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On March 5 the Committee approved the Department of Human Services' request for a continuation level of funding (\$70,000 reappropriated funds) for the Gambling Addiction Counseling Services line item. This line item supports the provision of gambling addiction counseling services to Colorado residents, and is supported by 2.0 percent of the gaming tax revenues that are annually transferred to the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund<sup>1</sup>. This program was affected by both S.B. 13-173 (concerning a sunset review for Division of Gaming) and S.B. 13-133 (concerning the distribution of the state share of limited gaming fund revenues).

The annual transfer to the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund is now \$5,000,000, so \$100,000 is now annually transferred to the Gambling Addiction Account. The Department has confirmed that \$100,000 has been transferred to this Account in FY 2013-14, so it will be available for expenditure in FY 2014-15. Thus, **staff requests that the Committee approve a revised recommendation of \$100,000 reappropriated funds for the Gambling Addiction Counseling Services line item for FY 2014-15.** [The Committee has already approved a \$5,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Local Affairs, so no corresponding adjustment is necessary for that department.]

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<sup>1</sup> See Sections 12-47.1-1601 (1) (a) and 12-47.1-701 (2) (a) (III), C.R.S.