

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Joint Budget Committee Members

**FROM:** Robin J. Smart, Joint Budget Committee Staff, 303-866-4955

**SUBJECT:** Staff Comebacks, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare, Workload Study

**DATE:** March 17, 2014

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The appropriation to this FY 2013-14 line item is funding a study of county child welfare workload. The study was contracted through the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) and focuses on determining if there are adequate resource, staffing, and processes in county departments to meet the policy and legislative requirements related to delivering services to children and their families. The study evaluates casework from the initial referral through the assessment, ongoing services, and case closure.

The OSA has notified staff that the audit will be complete in August 2014. By June 30, 2014, the contractor will be billing the OSA for approximately 90.0 percent of the work. The remaining balance will be \$45,000. The OSA requests roll-over authority for \$45,000 reappropriated funds for the Workload Study into FY 2014-15.