



Joint Budget Committee Staff

Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee
From: Scott Thompson, JBC Staff (303-866-4957)
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025
Subject: [Latest budget reductions proposed by Bridges of Colorado](#)

Last night, JBC Staff received an email with adjustments proposed by the Bridges of Colorado program. JBC Staff has not had sufficient time to fully absorb the proposed changes, but believes that if the JBC were to make a motion to accept the Staff Recommendation in the figure setting document as modified by the latest changes proposed by Bridges of Colorado that JBC Staff and staff from Bridges of Colorado can work together to implement the intent of those reductions.

On the following page is a replication of the email with the details of the updated request.



Bridges Budget Reductions

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Hello Senator Bridges,

Thank you for your time today. Below is the information regarding our proposed approach to a combination of permanent budget cuts and delayed implementation. I feel confident Bridges can continue to serve courts and participants with fidelity and **actualize cost savings up to \$75 million** (see attached) through these steps. I've copied JBC staff for everyone's reference. Please let me know if you have questions or require additional information.

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Line Item Action	Notes	Amount
Supplemental Personal Services Reduction	Already adjusted through supplemental process	(\$502,173)
Additional Personal Services Reduction	Delayed hiring savings (positions now filled)	(\$1,203,440)
Supplemental Operating Adjustment -- Travel	Already adjusted through supplemental process	\$289,050
Additional Operating Adjustment -- Other	Program management and compliance solutions (vs. FTE)	\$68,703
Psychological Assessment Services Reduction	Delay program implementation by one year; this was a staff-initiated decision item	(\$781,675)
Total Proposed Budget Reduction		(\$2,129,535)

Fiscal Year 2025-26

Line Item Action	Notes	Amount
Personal Services Reduction	Permanent reduction	(\$571,238)
Centrally Appropriated Items	Approximation	(\$137,097)
Operating Adjustment -- Travel + Other	Travel, program compliance & management solutions	\$357,753
Operating Adjustment -- Evaluation	Delay start by 18 months	\$50,000
Psychological Assessment Services Reduction	Delay program implementation by one year; this was a staff-initiated decision item	(\$288,099)
Total Proposed Budget Reduction	Reduction from submitted budget request	(\$588,681)

