



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

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FY 2014-15 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Law

The Attorney General is one of five independently elected constitutional officers of the State. As the chief executive officer of the Department of Law, the Attorney General represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and serves as the legal counsel and advisor to state agencies. The Department's FY 2013-14 appropriation represents 0.3 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.2 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

FY 2013-14 Appropriation and FY 2014-15 Request

Department of Law						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2013-14 Appropriation						
SB 13-230 (Long Bill)	\$67,000,881	\$13,473,403	\$10,810,547	\$40,946,567	\$1,770,364	444
Other legislation	<u>563,191</u>	<u>(1,304,689)</u>	<u>1,519,585</u>	<u>348,295</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2.9</u>
TOTAL	\$67,564,072	\$12,168,714	\$12,330,132	\$41,294,862	\$1,770,364	446.5
FY 2014-15 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2013-14 Appropriation	\$67,564,072	12,168,714	\$12,330,132	\$41,294,862	\$1,770,364	446.5
R1 Asset maintenance	116,484	162,097	(107,493)	43,591	18,289	0.0
R2 Consumer protection complaint intake	56,123	0	56,123	0	0	1.0
R3 Database administrator	105,651	0	0	105,651	0	1.0
R4 Appellate administrative assistant	48,170	48,170	0	0	0	0.9
R5 Lowry Range litigation	392,400	0	392,400	0	0	0.0
R6 Attorney registration and CLE	27,088	8,755	1,698	17,535	(900)	0.0
NP1 Legal services for DNR R2	327,888	0	0	327,888	0	2.0
Non-prioritized requested changes	70,555	723	406	68,995	431	0.0
Centrally appropriated line item adjustments	1,809,890	610,267	289,900	909,543	180	0.0
Indirect cost assessment adjustments	78,753	0	9,398	67,047	2,308	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	28,974	(3,703)	0	32,677	0	0.0
Statewide IT common policy adjustments	23,618	237	133	23,107	141	0.0
Change in anticipated grant funding	22,743	0	0	22,743	0	0.0
Fund source adjustments	0	317,256	0	(317,256)	0	0.0
Annualize prior year budget actions	<u>(833,589)</u>	<u>(258,819)</u>	<u>(608,986)</u>	<u>78,508</u>	<u>(44,292)</u>	<u>0.5</u>
TOTAL	\$69,838,820	\$13,053,697	\$12,363,711	\$42,674,891	\$1,746,521	451.9

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	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Increase/(Decrease)	\$2,274,748	\$884,983	\$33,579	\$1,380,029	(\$23,843)	5.4
Percentage Change	3.4%	7.3%	0.3%	3.3%	(1.3%)	1.2%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Legal Services to State Agencies Overexpenditure: The Department of Law overexpended the funds available for legal services for state agencies (LSSA) by approximately \$2.0 million in FY 2012-13.

Major Litigation Pending Against the State: This issue brief provides a summary of legal cases involving the State that could have a significant financial impact.

Implementation of FY 2013-14 Attorney Salary Increases: The General Assembly appropriated \$4.1 million for salary increases for the Department of Law's attorneys in FY 2013-14. The Department's annual salary survey indicates that the Department is competitive with the market for the first time since 2009.

Continuous Spending Authority for Grant Funds: House Bill 12-1248, sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee, continuously appropriated gifts grants and donations revenues to the Department of Law from FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15. Without further legislation, the continuous spending authority will end July 1, 2015.

For More Information

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To read the entire briefing: www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2013-14/lawbrf.pdf