



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

Joint Budget Committee Staff FY 2014-15 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety; Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and the State Board of Land Commissioners

The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for developing, protecting and enhancing Colorado's natural resources for the use and enjoyment of the State's present and future residents and visitors. The Department's FY 2013-14 appropriation represents 1.2 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.4 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations. This briefing focuses on three of the Department's divisions: the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety; the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners.

FY 2013-14 Appropriation and FY 2014-15 Request

Department of Natural Resources						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2013-14 Appropriation						
SB 13-230 (Long Bill)	\$24,101,510	\$0	\$20,425,628	\$255,000	\$3,420,882	204.3
Other Legislation	<u>110,417</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,417</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$24,211,927	\$0	\$20,536,045	\$255,000	\$3,420,882	204.3
FY 2014-15 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2013-14 Appropriation	\$24,211,927	0	\$20,536,045	\$255,000	\$3,420,882	204.3
R3 Coal regulatory program refinancing	0	0	352,881	0	(352,881)	0.0
Centrally appropriated line item adjustments	421,373	0	333,633	0	87,740	0.0
Indirect cost assessment	(70,937)	0	(97,132)	0	26,195	0.0
Annualize prior year budget actions	<u>(1,126,688)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,126,688)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$23,435,675	\$0	\$19,998,739	\$255,000	\$3,181,936	204.3
Increase/(Decrease)	(\$776,252)	\$0	(\$537,306)	\$0	(\$238,946)	0.0
Percentage Change	(3.2%)	0.0%	(2.6%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Update on Oil and Gas Activity and OGCC FTE: Provides an update on trends in oil and gas activity and workload for the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, recent events pertinent to agency outcomes, and an update on the status of hiring new FTE approved by the General Assembly for FY 2013-14.

Additional Legal Services for OGCC Enforcement (R2): Reviews the Department's request for \$327,888 cash funds for an additional 3,600 hours of legal services to assist the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's Hearings Unit and enforcement program with increasing workload due to continued growth in oil and gas activity in the state.

DRMS Coal Program Refinancing (R3): Reviews the Department's request for a net-zero fund source adjustment for the Coal Regulatory Program to refinance \$352,881 in federal funds with cash funds from the Severance Tax Operational Fund in anticipation of cuts in grant money from the U.S. Office of Surface Mining.

For More Information

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To read the entire briefing: www.tornado.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2013-14/natbrf2.pdf