

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Budget Committee Members

FROM: Megan Davisson, JBC Staff

SUBJECT: Department of Public Health and Environment Pending Items and Comebacks

DATE: March 14, 2014

Pending Item: \$5.0 million for H.B. 14-1002
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The Committee requested a letter be sent to the Flood Disaster Study Committee to determine if the Study Committee supported the recommendation. The committee received a letter (attached) on March 6, 2014 from the Study Committee expressing unanimous support for the recommendation.

Recommendation: **Staff recommends the appropriation in H.B. 14-1002 be increased by \$5.0 million General Fund.**

Analysis: The initial Department request was for \$12.0 million dollars to be used for both flood recovery costs related to water and wastewater facilities, and for improvements to water and wastewater facility required to comply with recently adopted water nutrients standards. House Bill 14-1002 proposes to use \$12.0 million solely for flood recovery costs related to water and wastewater facilities. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) estimate of flood-related damage to water and waste water infrastructure from the September 2013 floods is \$170.0 million, and the recommendation to increase H.B. 14-1002 to a total of \$17.0 million would then mean the amount of State funds appropriated for flood recovery efforts equals 10.0 percent of the estimated total need.

Technical Comeback: Transfer to Department of Law for CERCLA
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Staff made an error when recommending the appropriation for the line item Transfer to the Department of Law for CERCLA-Related Costs, and did not properly account for all the costs in the Department of Law. Staff recommends an appropriation of \$698,429 cash funds. The recommendation is \$12,768 cash funds higher than the March 3, 2014 recommendation.

**Technical Comeback: IDD Health Survey Staff
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The recommendation included \$2,739 Medicaid reappropriated funds which should have been added to the Vehicle Lease line item. Therefore staff recommends the appropriation to the Vehicle Lease line item be increased by \$2,739 Medicaid reappropriated funds and the Medicaid/Medicare Certification Program be reduced by \$2,739 Medicaid reappropriated funds.



General Assembly
State of Colorado
Denver

March 6, 2014

Representative Crisanta Duran
Chair of the Joint Budget Committee
200 East 14th Avenue, 3rd Floor
Legislative Services Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Madame Chairwoman:

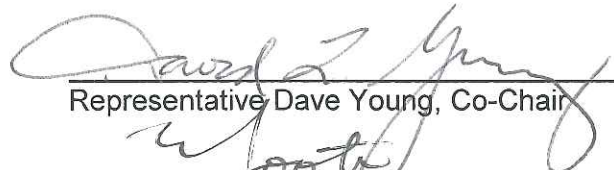
Thank you for your letter requesting our position on the Joint Budget Committee staff recommendation to increase the House Bill 14-1002 appropriation for the Water Infrastructure Natural Disaster Grant Fund by \$5 million. This would increase the total appropriation for the grant fund to \$17 million, which is approximately 10 percent of the total cost of repairing flood damaged water infrastructure. We, the undersigned members of the Flood Disaster Study Committee of the Colorado General Assembly, support the \$5 million increase for the Water Infrastructure Natural Disaster Grant Fund. These grants will help local governments, including local governments accepting grants on behalf of not-for-profit public water systems, to make urgently needed repairs to infrastructure damaged by the September 2013 floods.

Please contact us if we may provide additional feedback on appropriations or other matters being considered by the Joint Budget Committee to help Colorado recover from the 2013 floods or prepare for future disasters.

Sincerely,



Senator Scott Renfro, Co-Chair



Representative Dave Young, Co-Chair







