



Colorado General Assembly  
Joint Budget Committee

# Joint Budget Committee Staff

## FY 2015-16 Budget Briefing Summary

### Department of State

The Department of State administers statutory provisions that pertain to elections; manages the statewide voter registration database; implements the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); oversees campaign finance reporting; registers lobbyists and monitors the filing of required disclosures; collects, maintains, and provides public access to business filings; regulates charities and charitable gaming; and certifies notaries public. The Department's FY 2014-15 appropriation represents 0.1 percent of statewide operating appropriations and does not include any General Fund appropriations.

### FY 2014-15 Appropriation and FY 2015-16 Request

Department of State						
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
<b>FY 2014-15 Appropriation</b>						
HB 14-1336 (Long Bill)	\$21,893,762	\$0	\$21,893,762	\$0	\$0	137.2
Other legislation	<u>243,113</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>243,113</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,136,875</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,136,875</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>137.3</b>
<b>FY 2015-16 Requested Appropriation</b>						
FY 2014-15 Appropriation	\$22,136,875	0	\$22,136,875	\$0	\$0	137.3
R1 Local Election Reimbursement	495,964	0	495,964	0	0	0.0
R2 Business Intelligence Center	775,000	0	775,000	0	0	0.0
R3 Elections Division Operating Expenses	70,265	0	70,265	0	0	0.0
Centrally appropriated line items	320,590	0	320,590	0	0	0.0
Indirect cost assessment	27,325	0	27,325	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year funding	<u>(1,715,794)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,715,794)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,110,225</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,110,225</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>137.3</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>(\$26,650)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$26,650)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Percentage Change	(0.1%)	0.0%	(0.1%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

### Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

**Elections Division Requests for Local Election Reimbursements and Operating Expenses:** The Department requests an increase of \$495,964 cash funds for local election reimbursements, and an increase of \$70,265 cash

funds to meet the growing need for training and certifying local elections officials, elections observation and oversight, and the provision of support to counties.

**Overview of Business Intelligence Center Request:** The Department requests an increase of \$775,000 cash funds to continue funding for personal services and operating expenses for the Business Intelligence Center program, and provide funding for the Department to host the Go Code Colorado statewide application challenge event on an annual basis.

**Determining the Financial Status of the Department of State:** The Department has reported issues with personnel, record-keeping, and the new statewide CORE system that are currently preventing access to historical and current financial data necessary for budgetary and financial decision-making.

**Comparison of Business Filing Fees:** All states charge fees for business filings, but there is significant variation in both the amount charged and how states use fee revenue. Colorado's business filing fees, revenues, and expenditures are unique in comparison to policies and practices in other states.

## For More Information

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