



## **HB24-1360 Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why is this Office needed?**

Disability issues cross every state agency, and impact every demographic. Currently, there is no one place for individuals with disabilities to go to see what programs are available to assist them. This office will serve as a resource for state agencies, private and nonprofit organizations, and the public concerning disability issues in Colorado. It will also ensure that the goal of full societal inclusion for individuals with disabilities are being met.

Disabilities issues encompass so many agencies it is challenging to understand needs and make those needs available to the executive branch. This office will be able to compile all needs from all different agencies and provide recommendations to the governor for ways to improve policies and programs to support individuals with disabilities.

### **Why put this office in CDLE?**

Opportunity. Historically disability issues have been approached from a human services and poverty approach, which has led to policies that provide necessary services to people with disabilities but keep many in abject poverty. By framing disability policy through an opportunity lens more people with disabilities can prosper.

CDLE also has extensive experience operating grant programs, which will ensure the Colorado Disability Funding Committee can award out the significantly increased revenues they have generated with adequate oversight and fiscal controls.

### **What programs will move under this Office?**

Currently just the Colorado Disability Funding Committee. In the future additional new or existing task forces, committees, or grant programs might desire to move under this office and those requests will need to be considered individually.

### **How will this Office be funded?**

Revenue from the historic license plate backgrounds and sales of the rights to reserved license plate configurations through the Colorado Disability Funding Committee cash fund. Because of the revenue brought in through the Colorado Disability Funding Committee cash fund, this Office will not require general fund expenditures.

- New and innovative programs and projects that increase quality of life and independence of Coloradans with disabilities.