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HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

_____   June 4, 2021
Chair of Committee   Date

Committee on <u>Appropriations</u>.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

<u>SB21-232</u>   be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1   Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, strike lines 4 through 21 and substitute:
2   "(a) Pursuant to the federal "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021",
3   Pub.L. 117-2, as the act may be subsequently amended, Colorado will
4   receive $3,828,761,790 to be used for certain eligible uses. Federal
5   regulations providing guidance regarding eligible uses of money allocated
6   pursuant to the act include:
7   (I) Assistance to unemployed workers, including job training for
8   individuals who want and are available for work;
9   (II) Aid to impacted industries to respond to the negative
10   economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
11   (III) Programs, services, or other assistance for populations
12   disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency,
13   such as programs or services that address or mitigate the impacts of the
14   public health emergency on education;
15   (b) In 2020, the Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative
16   responded to needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by creating the
17   displaced workers grant. The displaced workers grant supports
18   Coloradans displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic, including those who
19   were laid off or furloughed, experienced decreased earnings, had job
20   offers rescinded, or were unable to enter the workforce because of
21   negative economic conditions. These workers have an incentive to reskill,
22   upskill, or complete industry-recognized credentials in order to improve
23   economic prospects for themselves and their communities.
24   (c) Appropriating a portion of the money received pursuant to the

1 federal "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021", Pub.L. 117-2, as the act
2 may be subsequently amended, to the Colorado opportunity scholarship
3 initiative is estimated to serve at least three thousand displaced Colorado
4 workers and will provide these workers with the skills, supports, and
5 credentials necessary to secure good jobs, sustain a resilient state
6 economy, and help institutions of higher education scale high-demand
7 and highly impacted programs; and
8 　　　　(d) These funds will be distributed to public institutions of higher
9 education, community partners, and workforce centers across the state to
10 provide scholarships, wraparound supports, and recruitment and retention
11 efforts for Coloradans with some college education but no degree who
12 have the need to reskill, upskill, or complete industry-recognized
13 credentials due to lost or reduced employment.
14 　　　　(2) The general assembly declares that appropriating a portion of
15 the money received pursuant to the federal "American Rescue Plan Act
16 of 2021", Pub.L. 117-2, as the act may be subsequently amended, to the
17 Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative for such purposes described
18 in this section are appropriate and lawful.".

19 Page 2, line 22, strike "For" and substitute "(1) For".

20 Page 2, line 25, strike "general fund." and substitute "workers, employers,
21 and workforce centers cash fund created in section 24-75-231 (2)(a),
22 C.R.S., and from money the state received from the federal coronavirus
23 state fiscal recovery fund.".

24 Page 3, after line 4 insert:
25 　　　　"(2) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, $15,000,000 is appropriated
26 to the workers, employers, and workforce centers cash fund created in
27 section 24-75-231 (2)(a), C.R.S. This appropriation is from the general
28 fund. The department of personnel and administration is responsible for
29 the accounting related to this appropriation.".

30 Page 3, before line 5 insert:
31 　　　　"**SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage
32 only if House Bill 21-1264 becomes law, in which case this act takes
33 effect on the effective date of this act or House Bill 21-1264, whichever
34 is later.".

35 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
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