

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 7, 2025

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB25-1154 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Health and Human Services Committee Report, dated
2 February 19, 2025, page 11, line 41, strike "(1); and **add** (4)" and
3 substitute "(1)".

4 Page 12, strike lines 10 and 11.

5 Page 14, strike lines 16 through 20 and substitute "acting by bill. The
6 general assembly shall make annual appropriations from the reading
7 services for the blind cash fund to the state librarian to carry out the
8 purposes of this section.".

9 Page 24, after line 12 insert:

10 **"SECTION 30. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**
11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, to implement this
12 act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual general
13 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
14 education for use by library programs for reading services for the blind
15 is decreased by \$250,000.

16 (2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, to
17 implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the Colorado
18 telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-104 (1),
19 C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state
20 fiscal year to the department of regulatory agencies for use by the public
21 utilities commission is decreased as follows:

22 (a) \$265,965 for personal services, and the related FTE is
23 decreased by 2.0 FTE; and
24 (c) \$3,413,703 for the Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of

1 hearing, and deafblind cash fund.

2 (3) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, to
3 implement this act, the reappropriated funds appropriation made in the
4 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
5 department of human services for use by the Colorado commission for the
6 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind is decreased by \$3,413,703. This
7 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department
8 of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission for the
9 Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind cash
10 fund.

11 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of
12 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26
13 state fiscal year if:

14 (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in the
15 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
16 department of education for use by library programs for reading services
17 for the blind is less than the amount of the adjustment required in
18 subsection (1) of this section; or

19 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state
20 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of
21 department of education for use by library programs for reading services
22 for the blind.

23 (5) Subsection (2) of this section does not require a reduction of
24 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26
25 state fiscal year if:

26 (a) The amount of cash funds appropriation made in the annual
27 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
28 department of regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities
29 commission is less than the amount of the adjustment required in
30 subsection (2) of this section; or

31 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state
32 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of
33 regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission.

34 (6) Subsection (3) of this section does not require a reduction of
35 an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26
36 state fiscal year if:

37 (a) The amount of reappropriated funds appropriation made in the
38 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
39 department of human services for use by the Colorado commission for the
40 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind is less than the amount of the
41 adjustment required in subsection (3) of this section; or

42 (b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state
43 fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of

1 regulatory agencies for use by the public utilities commission.

2 **SECTION 31. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
3 year, \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies
4 for use by the public utilities commission. This appropriation is from the
5 Colorado telephone users with disabilities fund created in section 40-17-
6 104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the commission may use this
7 appropriation for transfer to the reading services for the blind cash fund.

8 (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to
9 the department of education for use by library programs. This
10 appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department
11 of regulatory agencies under subsection (1) of this section. To implement
12 this act, library programs may use this appropriation for reading services
13 for the blind.

14 (3) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$4,958,625 is appropriated
15 to the department of human services. This appropriation is from the
16 Colorado division for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind cash fund
17 created in section 26-21-107 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the
18 department may use this appropriation as follows:

19 (a) \$4,891,755 for the communication services for people with
20 disabilities enterprise, which amount is based on an assumption that the
21 enterprise will require an additional 3.0 FTE; and

22 (b) \$66,870 for the purchase of legal services.

23 (4) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$66,870 is appropriated to
24 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
25 received from the department of human services under subsection (3)(b)
26 of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law
27 will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department
28 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
29 department of human services.

30 **SECTION 32. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;
31 except that section 30 of this act takes effect only if the annual general
32 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year becomes law, in which
33 case section 30 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the
34 annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2025-26, whichever
35 is later.".

36 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

37 Page 24, after line 17 insert:

38 "Page 1 of the bill, strike line 104 and substitute "ENTERPRISE AND
39 MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION."."
