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**SENATE BILL 25-316**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE**  
102              **DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103              **THEREWITH, MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE**  
104              **IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR THE 2025-26**  
105              **STATE FISCAL YEAR AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** The bill imposes requirements related to money appropriated to the department of higher education to be used

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by the Auraria higher education center in the 2025-26 state fiscal year. Money appropriated for operational costs must be used as agreed upon by the constituent institutions in baseline service level agreements. Any service or performance level agreement that the Auraria higher education center enters into using money appropriated for the 2025-26 state fiscal year must:

- Be executed by all contracting parties no later than September 1, 2025;
- Clearly describe the services, service and staffing levels, and performance expectations that are contracted for; and
- Provide that, if costs for services exceed the prices provided for in the contract, those excessive costs will not be assumed or incurred until an additional contract is executed or the original contract is amended.

In the 2025-26 state fiscal year, the Auraria higher education center shall manage all resources related to baseline service level agreements and goals and shall present quarterly updates to the constituent institutions regarding baseline service level agreements and goals. For other services for the 2025-26 state fiscal year that are not already contracted for in the baseline service level agreements, the Auraria higher education center shall establish fee structures, and the constituent institutions shall enter into agreements with the Auraria higher education center for the provision of those services.

The bill requires the constituent organizations to contract with an independent third-party entity that shall conduct the Auraria comprehensive study (study). The constituent institutions and the Auraria higher education center shall agree upon which independent third-party entity will conduct the study before executing a contract to select the independent third-party entity. If the constituent institutions and the Auraria higher education center do not agree upon an independent third-party entity by August 1, 2025, the Colorado commission on higher education shall, no later than December 31, 2025, select the independent third-party entity from options proposed by the constituent institutions.

The study must examine the operations of the Auraria campus and the services provided to students by the constituent institutions and by the Auraria board of directors through the Auraria higher education center. The independent third-party entity shall present a report on the findings of the study.

The study must include the following:

- A review of all plans and studies conducted in the past 15 years regarding the mission, vision, and development of the Auraria campus;
- An evaluation of the statutory design and mission of the Auraria campus;
- An evaluation of the current governance model of the

- Auraria campus;
- An evaluation of the operations and management structures under the current governance model of the Auraria campus;
- A comparison of the current governance model to alternative governance models which may yield greater efficiencies in service delivery; and
- An evaluation of the financial supports and structures of Auraria campus governance and operations.

The constituent institutions shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement to pay for the study using gifts, grants, and donations.

The bill reduces the general fund appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of higher education for the college opportunity fund program for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions by \$31,435,042. The bill appropriates \$31,435,042 from the general fund to the department of higher education for use by the Auraria higher education center.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-70-118 and  
3 23-70-119 as follows:

4 **23-70-118. Requirements for money that is appropriated to**  
5 **the department of higher education for use by the Auraria higher**  
6 **education center in the 2025-26 state fiscal year - repeal.** (1) ANY  
7 MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES TO THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE AURARIA HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION CENTER TO USE FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS IN THE 2025-26  
10 STATE FISCAL YEAR MUST BE USED AS AGREED UPON BY THE CONSTITUENT  
11 INSTITUTIONS IN BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING  
12 OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- 13 (a) BUILDING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE;
- 14 (b) CUSTODIAL OR JANITORIAL SERVICES;
- 15 (c) THE AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 16 (d) BUSINESS SERVICES;

1 (e) CAMPUS PLANNING;  
2 (f) EVENTS MANAGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY- AND  
3 STUDENT-LED ACTIVITIES;  
4 (g) COMMUNICATIONS; AND  
5 (h) PUBLIC RELATIONS.  
6 (2) ANY BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT THAT THE  
7 AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER ENTERS INTO USING MONEY  
8 APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2025-26 STATE  
9 FISCAL YEAR MUST:  
10 (a) BE EXECUTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES NO LATER THAN  
11 SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, UNTIL WHICH TIME AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION  
12 CENTER AND THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS SHALL OPERATE ACCORDING  
13 TO EXISTING SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS;  
14 (b) CLEARLY DESCRIBE THE SERVICES, SERVICE AND STAFFING  
15 LEVELS, AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS THAT ARE CONTRACTED FOR;  
16 AND  
17 (c) PROVIDE THAT, IF COSTS FOR SERVICES EXCEED THE PRICES  
18 PROVIDED FOR IN THE BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS, THOSE  
19 EXCESSIVE COSTS WILL NOT BE ASSUMED OR INCURRED UNTIL AN  
20 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT THAT ADDRESSES THE EXCESSIVE COSTS IS  
21 EXECUTED OR UNTIL THE ORIGINAL BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT  
22 IS AMENDED.  
23 (3) IN THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE AURARIA HIGHER  
24 EDUCATION CENTER SHALL MANAGE ALL RESOURCES RELATED TO  
25 BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS AND GOALS AND SHALL PRESENT  
26 QUARTERLY UPDATES REGARDING BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS  
27 AND GOALS TO THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

1           (4) THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER SHALL ESTABLISH  
2 FEE STRUCTURES FOR THE 2025-26 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR ALL SERVICES  
3 THAT ARE NOT ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN THE BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL  
4 AGREEMENTS. THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS MAY ENTER INTO  
5 ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION  
6 CENTER FOR SERVICES THAT ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE BASELINE  
7 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS, IN WHICH CASE THE AURARIA HIGHER  
8 EDUCATION CENTER SHALL EXPLAIN WHY THE ADDITIONAL CONTRACTED  
9 SERVICES DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE BASELINE SERVICE LEVEL  
10 AGREEMENTS. THE FEE STRUCTURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS  
11 SUBSECTION (4) MUST:

12           (a) CLEARLY DESCRIBE THE SERVICES FOR WHICH EACH FEE  
13 STRUCTURE IS ESTABLISHED; AND

14           (b) APPLY EACH FEE STRUCTURE CONSISTENTLY TO EACH  
15 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION.

16           (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

17           **23-70-119. Auraria comprehensive study.** (1) THE  
18 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION  
19 CENTER SHALL == == CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY  
20 ENTITY THAT SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS  
21 THE "AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY". THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS  
22 AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER SHALL AGREE UPON WHICH  
23 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY WILL CONDUCT THE AURARIA  
24 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY BEFORE EXECUTING A CONTRACT TO SELECT THE  
25 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY. IF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS  
26 AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER DO NOT AGREE UPON AN  
27 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY BY AUGUST 1, 2025, THE COLORADO

1 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31,  
2 2025, SELECT THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY FROM OPTIONS  
3 PROPOSED BY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

4 (2) THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY MUST EXAMINE:

5 (a) THE MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATES TO  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS USED IN CONNECTION  
7 WITH THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER; THE ACCOUNTING OF  
8 SUCH MONEY, AND ANY APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS OF SUCH MONEY,  
9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE  
10 CONSTITUTION; AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS  
11 THAT WILL BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE AURARIA HIGHER  
12 EDUCATION CENTER;

13 (b) THE OPERATIONS OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS; AND

14 (c) THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS BY THE CONSTITUENT  
15 INSTITUTIONS AND BY THE AURARIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH THE  
16 AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

17 (3) THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY SHALL PRESENT THE  
18 FINDINGS OF THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY IN A REPORT  
19 ADDRESSED TO THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS, THE AURARIA HIGHER  
20 EDUCATION CENTER, THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE OFFICE OF STATE  
21 PLANNING AND BUDGETING, AND THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
22 EDUCATION BY DECEMBER 31, 2025; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE INDEPENDENT  
23 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY CANNOT COMPLETE THE REPORT BY DECEMBER 31,  
24 2025, DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE INDEPENDENT  
25 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY SHALL NOTIFY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND  
26 THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER AND SHALL PRESENT THE  
27 REPORT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2026. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

1           (a) FINDINGS RELATED TO THE STATUTORY DESIGN, GOVERNANCE,  
2       OPERATIONS, AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENT SHARED  
3       AURARIA CAMPUS;

4           (b) RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANY STATUTORY OR OPERATIONAL  
5       CHANGES THAT THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY BELIEVES WOULD  
6       YIELD MORE EFFICIENT, MISSION-ALIGNED SERVICES FOR THE AURARIA  
7       HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS, AND THE  
8       STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS;

9           (c) ESTIMATES OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS THAT THE  
10      RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD HAVE ON THE STATE AND THE CONSTITUENT  
11      INSTITUTIONS; AND

12          (d) FEEDBACK FROM EACH CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION AND THE  
13      AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER RELATING TO THE  
14      RECOMMENDATIONS.

15          (4) THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER AND THE  
16      CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE AURARIA  
17      COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND ENGAGE IN AND RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES  
18      FROM THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, INCLUDING INQUIRIES  
19      RELATED TO PERSONNEL, BUSINESS DOCUMENTATION, FINANCIAL DATA,  
20      THE COORDINATION OF THE PROVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES, AND  
21      INTERNAL RECORDS RELATED TO THE FACILITY, OPERATIONS, AND  
22      DEVELOPMENT OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS. THE CONSTITUENT  
23      INSTITUTIONS AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER SHALL  
24      CONVENE TO RECEIVE UPDATES RELATED TO THE AURARIA  
25      COMPREHENSIVE STUDY FROM THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY AT  
26      LEAST TWICE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE  
27      STUDY.

1           (5) THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY MUST INCLUDE THE  
2 FOLLOWING:

3           (a) A REVIEW OF ALL PLANS AND STUDIES CONDUCTED IN THE PAST  
4 FIFTEEN YEARS REGARDING THE MISSION, VISION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
5 THE AURARIA CAMPUS, PLUS A REVIEW OF PLANS AND STUDIES THAT ARE  
6 OLDER THAN FIFTEEN YEARS IF DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE INDEPENDENT  
7 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY;

8           (b) AN EVALUATION OF THE STATUTORY DESIGN AND MISSION OF  
9 THE AURARIA CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

10          (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND POWERS  
11 OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER AND THE CONSTITUENT  
12 INSTITUTIONS TO IDENTIFY WHETHER CURRENT ACTIVITIES ALIGN WITH  
13 PROVISIONS IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND TO WHAT EXTENT  
14 THOSE PROVISIONS RESULT IN COST AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES FOR  
15 THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS;

16          (II) A DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF  
17 THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, INCLUDING THE CONTEXT OF  
18 THE CENTER'S SCOPE, CAPABILITIES, RESOURCES, PERFORMANCE, CULTURE,  
19 DEPENDENCIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, PERSONNEL, EXTERNAL INFLUENCES,  
20 AND OTHER RELEVANT ELEMENTS;

21          (III) TO WHAT EXTENT THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER'S  
22 CURRENT DISPOSITION, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(b)(II) OF THIS  
23 SECTION, FACILITATES OR INHIBITS THE CENTER'S STATUTORY MISSION  
24 ALIGNMENT AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES;

25          (IV) A DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF EACH CONSTITUENT  
26 INSTITUTION, INCLUDING THE INSTITUTIONS' EDUCATIONAL FOOTPRINT ON  
27 THE CAMPUS, THE FOOTPRINT OF AND ACCESS TO INSTITUTION-OWNED



1 FACILITIES, AND OTHER COORDINATION AMONG THE CONSTITUENT  
2 INSTITUTIONS IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO STUDENTS;

3 (V) AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT ON AND SERVICE OF  
4 DISPLACED AURARIANS, DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH A DESIGNEE OF THE  
5 AURARIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND

6 (VI) RECOMMENDATIONS OF POSSIBLE STATUTORY CHANGES THAT  
7 WOULD MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE MISSION OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS  
8 AND DELINEATE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH ENTITY IN  
9 SUPPORTING THE MISSION;

10 (c) AN EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE  
11 AURARIA CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

12 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE AURARIA BOARD OF  
13 DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS STATUTORY  
14 PURPOSES, MITIGATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ARBITRATE CAMPUS  
15 DISPUTES; AND

16 (II) AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH A MODEL OF  
17 GOVERNANCE SHARED BY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS, AS OPPOSED  
18 TO GOVERNANCE BY THE AURARIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WOULD BE  
19 PRACTICABLE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH A SHARED GOVERNANCE MODEL  
20 MIGHT YIELD GREATER MISSION ALIGNMENT AND MORE EFFICIENT  
21 DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO STUDENTS;

22 (d) AN EVALUATION OF THE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT  
23 STRUCTURES UNDER THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE AURARIA  
24 CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

25 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE TIMELINESS AND COST OF CURRENT  
26 SERVICE DELIVERY AND FUNCTIONS; AND

27 (II) A REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND FISCAL

1 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL AURARIA CAMPUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE  
2 EXTENT TO WHICH CURRENT OPERATIONS FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE  
3 CAMPUS AND YIELD THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE RESULTS FOR ALL PARTIES;

4 (e) A COMPARISON OF THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE  
5 AURARIA CAMPUS TO ALTERNATIVE GOVERNANCE MODELS WHICH MAY  
6 YIELD GREATER EFFICIENCIES IN SERVICE DELIVERY, INCLUDING:

7 (I) WHETHER EFFICIENCY COULD BE IMPROVED BY TRANSFERRING  
8 EXISTING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS CAMPUS SECURITY AND POLICING,  
9 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, PARKING MANAGEMENT, LIBRARY SERVICES,  
10 FOOD SERVICES, HUMAN RESOURCES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,  
11 PROCUREMENT, EVENTS MANAGEMENT, NONACADEMIC STUDENT  
12 SERVICES, AND RISK MANAGEMENT BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS  
13 OR THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER;

14 (II) WHETHER EFFICIENCY COULD BE IMPROVED BY  
15 CONSOLIDATING EXISTING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS CAMPUS SECURITY AND  
16 POLICING, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, PARKING MANAGEMENT, LIBRARY  
17 SERVICES, HUMAN RESOURCES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,  
18 PROCUREMENT, EVENTS MANAGEMENT, NONACADEMIC STUDENT  
19 SERVICES, AND RISK MANAGEMENT WITHIN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OR  
20 THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER;

21 (III) WHETHER OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND FISCAL  
22 RESPONSIBILITY COULD BE IMPROVED FOR THE COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL  
23 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS BY RESTRUCTURING FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF  
24 SOME OR ALL RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

25 (IV) WHETHER CERTAIN SERVICES WOULD BEST BE GOVERNED AND  
26 DELIVERED UNDER A CENTRALIZED, DECENTRALIZED, OR HYBRID  
27 GOVERNANCE MODEL; AND

1 (f) AN EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORTS AND  
2 STRUCTURES OF AURARIA CAMPUS GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS,  
3 INCLUDING:

4 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF BASELINE  
5 FUNDING FOR SERVICES DELIVERED ON THE AURARIA CAMPUS,  
6 ACCOUNTING FOR INFLATION AND OTHER DRIVERS OF COSTS SUCH AS  
7 INSURANCE;

8 (II) AN ANALYSIS OF ANY PUBLIC-PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS  
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-70-105.5 AND WHETHER AND THE EXTENT TO  
10 WHICH THE DEVELOPMENTS SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY AND MISSION  
11 OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS;

12 (III) A REVIEW OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER'S  
13 REVENUE STREAMS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH ADDITIONAL REVENUE  
14 STREAMS, SUCH AS AUXILIARY SERVICES REVENUE AND FEE REVENUE,  
15 SHOULD SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES;

16 (IV) AN ANALYSIS OF FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE CONSTITUENT  
17 INSTITUTIONS AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER REGARDING  
18 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, SUCH AS REVENUE GENERATION AND  
19 EXPENSE CHARACTERISTICS;

20 (V) AN ANALYSIS OF THE FISCAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED CHANGES  
21 TO THE COLORADO STATE BUDGET; AND

22 (VI) AN ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS RELATED TO COLORADO'S  
23 DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, INCREASED COMPETITION, AND CHANGES TO THE  
24 HIGHER EDUCATION MARKET, INCLUDING THE CHANGES IN STUDENT  
25 EDUCATIONAL MODALITY AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF IN-PERSON, HYBRID,  
26 AND ONLINE STUDENTS.

27 (6) THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND

1 EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES  
2 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY. THE  
3 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS SHALL ENTER INTO A COST-SHARING  
4 AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY USING  
5 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS.

6 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

7 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
8 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of  
9 higher education are adjusted as follows:

10 (a) The general fund appropriation for the college opportunity  
11 fund program for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions pursuant  
12 to section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S., is decreased by \$31,435,042;

13 (b) The reappropriated funds appropriations from fee-for-service  
14 contracts with state institutions pursuant to section 23-18-303.5, C.R.S.,  
15 under subsection (1)(a) of this section are decreased as follows:

16 **Governing Boards**

17 trustees of Metropolitan state university of Denver -\$15,623,129  
18 regents of the university of Colorado -\$11,739,171  
19 state board for community colleges and occupational  
20 education state system community colleges -\$4,072,742

21 (c) The reappropriated funds appropriation for Auraria higher  
22 education center administration is decreased by \$31,435,042. This amount  
23 originates from the appropriations in the general appropriations act to the  
24 governing boards for the state board for community colleges and  
25 occupational education state system community colleges, the trustees of  
26 Metropolitan state university of Denver, and the regents of the university  
27 of Colorado.

1           **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal  
2   year, \$31,435,042 is appropriated to the department of higher education  
3   for use by the Auraria higher education center. This appropriation is from  
4   the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this  
5   appropriation as follows:

6           (a) \$29,545,253 for operational costs; and

7           (b) \$1,889,789 for deferred maintenance projects.

8           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
9   determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
11   the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
12   institutions.