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STATE OF COLORADO**

ENGROSSED

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 25-0988.01 Shelby Ross x4510

SENATE BILL 25-237

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Amabile and Bridges, Kirkmeyer

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sirota and Taggart, Bird

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VOUCHER**
102 **PROGRAM FOR RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES, AND,**
103 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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 repeals the behavioral health voucher program for rural and agricultural communities and reduces the appropriation to the behavioral health administration by \$50,000.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 2, 2025

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 27-60-110.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-105, **repeal**
4 (1)(h) as follows:

5 **27-50-105. Administration of behavioral health programs -**
6 **state plan - sole mental health authority - gifts, grants, or donations.**

7 (1) The BHA shall administer and provide the following behavioral
8 health programs and services:

9 (h) ~~Behavioral health-care services for rural and agricultural~~
10 ~~communities pursuant to section 27-60-110;~~

11 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.** To
12 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual
13 general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
14 department of human services for use by the behavioral health
15 administration for behavioral health vouchers is decreased by \$50,000.

16 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
19 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
20 institutions.