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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.**

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.

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 SHALL, THROUGH THEIR EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTORS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AURARIA HIGHER
20 EDUCATION CENTER, CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY
21 ENTITY THAT SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS
22 THE "AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY". THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS
23 AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER SHALL AGREE UPON WHICH
24 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY WILL CONDUCT THE AURARIA
25 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY BEFORE EXECUTING A CONTRACT TO SELECT THE
26 INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY. IF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS
27 AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER DO NOT AGREE UPON AN

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

5 (2) THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY MUST EXAMINE:

6 (a) THE OPERATIONS OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS; AND

7 (b) THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS BY THE CONSTITUENT
8 INSTITUTIONS AND BY THE AURARIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH THE
9 AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

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

21 (a) FINDINGS RELATED TO THE STATUTORY DESIGN, GOVERNANCE,
22 OPERATIONS, AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENT SHARED
23 AURARIA CAMPUS;

24 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANY STATUTORY OR OPERATIONAL
25 CHANGES THAT THE INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY ENTITY BELIEVES WOULD
26 YIELD MORE EFFICIENT, MISSION-ALIGNED SERVICES FOR THE AURARIA
27 HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS, AND THE

1 STUDENTS ATTENDING THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS;

2 (c) ESTIMATES OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS THAT THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD HAVE ON THE STATE AND THE CONSTITUENT
4 INSTITUTIONS; AND

5 (d) FEEDBACK FROM EACH CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION AND THE
6 AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER RELATING TO THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

21 (5) THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY MUST INCLUDE THE
22 FOLLOWING:

23 (a) A REVIEW OF ALL PLANS AND STUDIES CONDUCTED IN THE PAST
24 FIFTEEN YEARS REGARDING THE MISSION, VISION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF
25 THE AURARIA CAMPUS, PLUS A REVIEW OF PLANS AND STUDIES THAT ARE
26 OLDER THAN FIFTEEN YEARS IF DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE INDEPENDENT
27 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY;

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

3 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND POWERS
4 OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER AND THE CONSTITUENT
5 INSTITUTIONS TO IDENTIFY WHETHER CURRENT ACTIVITIES ALIGN WITH
6 PROVISIONS IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND TO WHAT EXTENT
7 THOSE PROVISIONS RESULT IN COST AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES FOR
8 THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS;

9 (II) A DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF
10 THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER, INCLUDING THE CONTEXT OF
11 THE CENTER'S SCOPE, CAPABILITIES, RESOURCES, PERFORMANCE, CULTURE,
12 DEPENDENCIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, PERSONNEL, EXTERNAL INFLUENCES,
13 AND OTHER RELEVANT ELEMENTS;

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

18 (IV) A DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF EACH CONSTITUENT
19 INSTITUTION, INCLUDING THE INSTITUTIONS' EDUCATIONAL FOOTPRINT ON
20 THE CAMPUS, THE FOOTPRINT OF AND ACCESS TO INSTITUTION-OWNED
21 FACILITIES, AND OTHER COORDINATION AMONG THE CONSTITUENT
22 INSTITUTIONS IN DELIVERING SERVICES TO STUDENTS;

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

26 (VI) RECOMMENDATIONS OF POSSIBLE STATUTORY CHANGES THAT
27 WOULD MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE MISSION OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS

1 AND DELINEATE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH ENTITY IN
2 SUPPORTING THE MISSION;

3 (c) AN EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE
4 AURARIA CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

5 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE AURARIA BOARD OF
6 DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS STATUTORY
7 PURPOSES, MITIGATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ARBITRATE CAMPUS
8 DISPUTES; AND

9 (II) AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH A MODEL OF
10 GOVERNANCE SHARED BY THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS, AS OPPOSED
11 TO GOVERNANCE BY THE AURARIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WOULD BE
12 PRACTICABLE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH A SHARED GOVERNANCE MODEL
13 MIGHT YIELD GREATER MISSION ALIGNMENT AND MORE EFFICIENT
14 DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO STUDENTS;

15 (d) AN EVALUATION OF THE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT
16 STRUCTURES UNDER THE CURRENT GOVERNANCE MODEL OF THE AURARIA
17 CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

18 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE TIMELINESS AND COST OF CURRENT
19 SERVICE DELIVERY AND FUNCTIONS; AND

20 (II) A REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND FISCAL
21 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL AURARIA CAMPUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE
22 EXTENT TO WHICH CURRENT OPERATIONS FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE
23 CAMPUS AND YIELD THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE RESULTS FOR ALL PARTIES;

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

27 (I) WHETHER EFFICIENCY COULD BE IMPROVED BY TRANSFERRING

1 EXISTING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS CAMPUS SECURITY AND POLICING,
2 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, PARKING MANAGEMENT, LIBRARY SERVICES,
3 FOOD SERVICES, HUMAN RESOURCES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
4 PROCUREMENT, EVENTS MANAGEMENT, NONACADEMIC STUDENT
5 SERVICES, AND RISK MANAGEMENT BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS
6 OR THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER;

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

14 (III) WHETHER OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND FISCAL
15 RESPONSIBILITY COULD BE IMPROVED FOR THE COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL
16 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS BY RESTRUCTURING FISCAL MANAGEMENT OF
17 SOME OR ALL RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

18 (IV) WHETHER CERTAIN SERVICES WOULD BEST BE GOVERNED AND
19 DELIVERED UNDER A CENTRALIZED, DECENTRALIZED, OR HYBRID
20 GOVERNANCE MODEL; AND

21 (f) AN EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORTS AND
22 STRUCTURES OF AURARIA CAMPUS GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS,
23 INCLUDING:

24 (I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF BASELINE
25 FUNDING FOR SERVICES DELIVERED ON THE AURARIA CAMPUS,
26 ACCOUNTING FOR INFLATION AND OTHER DRIVERS OF COSTS SUCH AS
27 INSURANCE;

1 (II) AN ANALYSIS OF ANY PUBLIC-PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-70-105.5 AND WHETHER AND THE EXTENT TO
3 WHICH THE DEVELOPMENTS SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABILITY AND MISSION
4 OF THE AURARIA CAMPUS;

5 (III) A REVIEW OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER'S
6 REVENUE STREAMS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH ADDITIONAL REVENUE
7 STREAMS, SUCH AS AUXILIARY SERVICES REVENUE AND FEE REVENUE,
8 SHOULD SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES;

9 (IV) AN ANALYSIS OF FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE CONSTITUENT
10 INSTITUTIONS AND THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER REGARDING
11 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, SUCH AS REVENUE GENERATION AND
12 EXPENSE CHARACTERISTICS;

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

15 (VI) AN ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS RELATED TO COLORADO'S
16 DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, INCREASED COMPETITION, AND CHANGES TO THE
17 HIGHER EDUCATION MARKET, INCLUDING THE CHANGES IN STUDENT
18 EDUCATIONAL MODALITY AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF IN-PERSON, HYBRID,
19 AND ONLINE STUDENTS.

20 (6) THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND
21 EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES
22 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY. THE
23 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS SHALL ENTER INTO A COST-SHARING
24 AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR THE AURARIA COMPREHENSIVE STUDY USING
25 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS.

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

27 (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general

1 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of
2 higher education are adjusted as follows:

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

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

9 **Governing Boards**

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

14 (c) The reappropriated funds appropriation for Auraria higher
15 education center administration is decreased by \$31,435,042. This amount
16 originates from the appropriations in the general appropriations act to the
17 governing boards for the state board for community colleges and
18 occupational education state system community colleges, the trustees of
19 Metropolitan state university of Denver, and the regents of the university
20 of Colorado.

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

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

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

1 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.