



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee Members
From: Kelly Shen, JBC Staff (303-866-5434)
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Subject: Potential Legislation Packet 3

This packet includes bill drafts for the Committee’s consideration. Each individual item has page numbers, but also a packet page number (P-XXX) to help navigate the whole document. The page numbers below refer to the packet page number that begins with a “P”.

If the Committee would like to approve a bill draft for introduction, the motion should include the following:

- Approve for introduction in the House as a JBC bill LLS 25-XXXX and indicate when the bill should be run (with the Long Bill package or otherwise);
- Identify prime sponsors and co-sponsors; and
- Grant staff permission to make technical changes.

Potential Legislation

LLS 25-0891 Repeal County Administration Funding (Dermody)P-1
LLS 25-0850 Eliminate GF Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund (Bova)P-5
LLS 25-0854 Repeal Employment Support Job Retention Program (Canagarajah)P-7

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LLS NO. 26-0891.01 Shelby Ross x4510

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal County Administration Funding Model

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REPEALING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OF
102 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FUNDING MODEL.

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. Under current law, the department of human services (department) was required to enter into an agreement with an outside entity no later than January 2, 2024, to develop a county administration of public and medical assistance programs funding model (funding model) to determine the amount of money necessary to fund the administration of public and medical assistance programs in each county.

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The department is required to enter into an agreement with an outside entity to annually update and modify the funding model. Before November 1 of each year, the department is required to submit the results of the funding model to the joint budget committee, the department of health care policy and financing, and the county departments of human or social services (county departments).

The bill repeals the funding model and the requirement to annually update and submit the results of the funding model to the joint budget committee, the department of health care policy and financing, and county departments.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-1-121.5.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-8-111, **repeal**
4 (3) as follows:

5 **25.5-8-111. Department - administration - outsourcing.**

6 ~~(3) If the state department uses county departments of human or~~
7 ~~social services to perform functions relating to the administration of the~~
8 ~~children's basic health plan pursuant to subsection (1)(a)(II) of this~~
9 ~~section and allocates money to a county for that purpose, the state~~
10 ~~department shall make the allocation in accordance with the results of the~~
11 ~~public assistance programs funding model described in section~~
12 ~~26-1-121.5.~~

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-121, **repeal**
14 (2)(b) as follows:

15 **26-1-121. Appropriations - food distribution programs.**

16 ~~(2) (b) Beginning with fiscal year 2025-26, before making the~~
17 ~~appropriation described in subsection (2)(a) of this section, the general~~
18 ~~assembly shall consider, but is not required to appropriate amounts~~
19 ~~included in, the results of the public assistance programs funding model~~
20 ~~described in section 26-1-121.5.~~

1 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-122, **amend**
2 (2)(a) as follows:

3 **26-1-122. County appropriations and expenditures -**
4 **advancements - procedures.**

5 (2) (a) The county boards, in accordance with the rules of the state
6 department, shall file requests with the state department for advancement
7 of funds for the program costs of assistance payments, food stamps
8 (except the value of food stamp coupons), and social services and for the
9 administrative costs of each. The state department shall determine the
10 requirements of each county for program costs AND ADMINISTRATIVE
11 COSTS, taking into consideration available funds and all pertinent facts
12 and circumstances, ~~and administrative costs, in accordance with the~~
13 ~~funding model described in section 26-1-121.5;~~ and shall certify by
14 voucher to the controller the amounts to be paid to each county. The
15 amounts so certified must be paid from the state treasury upon voucher
16 of the state department and warrant of the controller and must be credited
17 by the county treasurer to the county social services fund in accordance
18 with the law and rules of the state department.

19 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
22 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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LLS NO. 26-0850.01 Stephanie Schrab x4330

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Elim Gen Fund Transfer to Multimodal Transp Fund

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE**
102 **GENERAL FUND TO THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION AND**
103 **MITIGATION OPTIONS FUND.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. Under current law, the state treasurer is required to transfer \$10.5 million from the general fund to the multimodal transportation and mitigation options fund every July 1 beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on July 1, 2031. The bill eliminates future transfers after the July 1, 2025, transfer.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-219, **amend**
3 (7)(c) introductory portion and (7)(c)(I) as follows:

4 **24-75-219. Transfers - transportation - capital construction -**
5 **definitions.**

6 (7) In addition to any other transfers required by this section:

7 (c) On each July 1 from July 1, 2024, through ~~July 1, 2031~~ JULY
8 1, 2025, the state treasurer shall transfer:

9 (I) Ten million five hundred thousand dollars from the general
10 fund to the multimodal transportation and mitigation options fund. ~~and~~

11 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
14 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
15 institutions.

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LLS NO. 26-0854.01 Eden Rolland x2373

COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: Repeal Employment Support Job Retention Program

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND JOB**
102 **RETENTION SERVICES PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, DECREASING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

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Joint Budget Committee. House Bill 19-1107, enacted in 2019, established the employment support and job retention services program (program) in the division of employment and training within the department of labor and employment. The corresponding employment support and job retention services program cash fund (fund) was also

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created for the purpose of funding employment preparation, job training, employment pursuit, and job retention activities for eligible individuals.

The general assembly appropriated \$750,000 from the general fund to the fund for state fiscal year 2019-20. Beginning in the 2022-23 state fiscal year, and for each state fiscal year thereafter, the general assembly is statutorily required to appropriate \$250,000 from the general fund to the fund.

Currently, the program is scheduled to repeal September 1, 2029.

The bill changes the repeal date to July 1, 2026. The program therefore would repeal approximately 3 years sooner than when it is currently scheduled to repeal.

The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer all unexpended and unencumbered money in the fund to the general fund on June 30, 2026.

The bill also adjusts the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for use by the division of employment and training, as follows:

- Decreases the general fund appropriation for the fund by \$250,000; and
- Decreases the reappropriated funds appropriation from the fund for the program by \$250,000.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-406, **add** (4) as
3 follows:

4 **8-83-406. Employment support and job retention services**
5 **program cash fund - created.**

6 (4) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
7 ALL UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE
8 GENERAL FUND.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-83-407 as
10 follows:

11 **8-83-407. Repeal of part.**

12 This part 4 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2029~~ JULY 1, 2026.

13 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

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

1 general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the
2 department of labor and employment for use by the division of
3 employment and training are adjusted as follows:

4 (a) The general fund appropriation for the employment support
5 and job retention services program cash fund created in section 8-83-406
6 (1)(a), C.R.S., is decreased by \$250,000; and

7 (b) The reappropriated funds appropriation from the employment
8 support and job retention services program cash fund created in section
9 8-83-406 (1)(a), C.R.S., for the employment support and job retention
10 services program is decreased by \$250,000.

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