



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee
From: Scott Philip Thompson, JBC Staff (303-866-4957)
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Subject: Conference Committee Technical Amendment to Correct Legal Services Allocations in Five Departments

This memo is to recommend the Joint Budget Committee include in its conference committee report on H.B. 26-140 (Long Bill) a correction to the legal services common policy appropriations in five agencies. This error resulted from a miscommunication among the affected JBC Staff and identified by executive branch staff and Department of Law staff. Correcting the error now will prevent overcollection of funds into the Legal Services to State Agencies Cash Fund over the first half of the year. This will prevent more complicated calculations if the Committee waits until mid-year to correct it. It also allows the Department of Law to avoid additional federal scrutiny regarding funds that have a federal origination but pay for legal services it provides.

The recommendation is to make reductions to the legal services appropriations for the agencies identified below in a total amount of \$480,351, including \$298,100 General Fund.

Appropriation for Legal Services Corrections

Department	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Fund	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Governor	-\$74,345	-\$63,371	-\$356	-\$10,618	\$0	0.0
Human Services	-165,660	-165,660	0	0	0	0.0
Judicial	-9,650	-9,650	0	0	0	0.0
Local Affairs	-31,356	-15,999	-13,859	-1,498	0	0.0
Public Health and Environment	-199,340	-43,420	-47,205	-108,715	0	0.0
Total	-\$480,351	-\$298,100	-\$61,420	-\$120,831	\$0	0.0