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House Committee Routing for Bills with a Fiscal Impact during the 2026 Session

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Speaker Julie McCluskie
DATE: January 14, 2026

Committees Assigned by Speaker

All bills must be referred to the committee(s) assigned by the Speaker, even when a bill is amended to eliminate an expenditure or revenue change.

Bills Affecting Legislative Staff Resources

Bills that allocate any additional legislative staff resources must be routed to the Legislative Council in the second house.

Expiring Tax Credits

Bills that extend a tax credit that would otherwise expire under current law must be routed to the Finance and Appropriations committees even if there is no specific revenue or expenditure impact identified in the fiscal note.

Sunset Bills

Bills that have been introduced pursuant to Section 24-34-104 (6) or 2-3-1203 (2), C.R.S., ("Sunset Bills") that otherwise would be referred to the House Finance Committee under this memorandum due to an increase in cash funds revenue do not need to be referred to House Finance if the bills have previously been reviewed by the Finance Committee in the Senate. Sunset Bills with only a continuing revenue impact do not need to be referred to the House Finance Committee. A Sunset Bill with a new revenue impact should be referred to the House Finance Committee if it meets the thresholds shown in Table 1.

Bills Affecting the Public Employees' Retirement Association

Any bill that potentially impacts the unfunded liability of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA), directly affects the funding or operations of PERA, or changes PERA's investment strategy must be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Routing of Bills with Fiscal Impacts

Bills with a fiscal impact in any fiscal year, as identified in the most recent published fiscal note, must be referred to the committees on Appropriations and/or Finance, as outlined in the tables below. All other bills can be referred directly to the Committee of the Whole, or to any other committee at the committee's discretion, with the exception of the bills identified in the sections above. All bills with continuous appropriation clauses, in any fiscal year, must be referred to the Appropriations Committee.

**Table 1
State Revenue**

Revenue Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
General Fund	Any increase of \$20,000 or more	Finance and Appropriations
General Fund	Any decrease of \$20,000 or more	Finance and Appropriations
General Fund	Any increase or decrease less than \$20,000	Committee of the Whole ¹
Cash Funds	Any increase of \$20,000 or more	Finance and Appropriations
Cash Funds	Any decrease of \$20,000 or more	Appropriations
Cash Funds	Any increase or decrease less than \$20,000	Committee of the Whole ¹

1. Bills may be referred to the Committee of the Whole or any other committee at the committee's discretion.

**Table 2
State Expenditures**

Expenditure Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
General Fund	Any increase or decrease greater than \$0	Appropriations
Cash Funds	Any increase or decrease greater than \$0	Appropriations

**Table 3
State Transfers**

Transfer Source	Threshold / Amount	Committee
From the General Fund	Any amount	Appropriations
To the General Fund	Any amount	Committee of the Whole ¹
Between Cash Funds	Any amount	Committee of the Whole ¹

1. Bills with transfers to the General Fund or between cash funds do not need to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations unless there is an expenditure of either General Fund or cash fund money.

Additional Notes

- Bills with only a local government impact may be referred directly to the Committee of the Whole.
- When a bill's state fiscal impact is eliminated by amendment, and a memo to that effect is prepared by the fiscal note staff, the bill may be referred to the Committee of the Whole or to any committee at the committee's discretion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JMcCluskie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie McCluskie
Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives

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