



Memorandum

To: Joint Budget Committee
From: Emily Pope, JBC Staff (303-866-4961)
Date: April 1, 2026
Subject: Reduced General Fund Impact for LLS 26-0855 Adoption assistance

The Department of Human Services has provided revised estimates that decrease the General Fund impact of LLS 26-0855 that limits benefits for adoption assistance and relative guardianship assistance.

The amount assumed by staff included the Department's assumed savings for fully removing case services. The Department clarified the morning of April 1 that case services will not be fully removed until FY 2029-30 because county agreements with families last for three years.

Initial FY 2026-27 Assumptions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Local Funds	Federal Funds
Limit adoption subsidies	-\$1,614,404	-\$817,857	-\$161,763	-\$634,784
Limit guardianship subsidies	-237,176	-120,153	-23,765	-93,258
Remove case services	-6,347,884	-3,823,455	-672,022	-1,852,407
Total	-\$8,199,464	-\$4,761,465	-\$857,550	-\$2,580,449

Updated FY 2026-27 Assumptions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Local Funds	Federal Funds
Limit adoption subsidies	-\$1,614,404	-\$817,857	-\$161,763	-\$634,784
Limit guardianship subsidies	-237,176	-120,153	-23,765	-93,258
Remove case services	-2,094,801	-1,261,740	-221,767	-611,294
Total	-\$3,946,381	-\$2,199,750	-\$407,295	-\$1,339,336

The Committee has already approved a bill draft for introduction that includes an appropriations clause with the initially assumed savings. The Committee may choose to proceed with the initial assumptions or change the appropriations clause. Actual expenditures may exceed the appropriation regardless of which assumption the Committee chooses since the Department is authorized to over-expend.