



Colorado Department of Public Safety

2019 Legislative Priorities

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Emergency Placement Fingerprint Background Check Technical Clean-Up

This legislation adds a subsection to C.R.S. 19-3-406 (1)(a) stating that tribal social services departments and tribal law enforcement agencies have the statutory authority to submit fingerprint background checks, and receive corresponding results, for child welfare placements. It is the Department's understanding that tribes were unintentionally omitted when the statute was originally enacted, and the FBI has requested this be rectified.

Colorado Fire Programs Commission

This legislation establishes a 23-member Commission to study matters related to fire programs in the state. Wildfire continues to be a major issue through its direct impact on property, resources, economic impacts, the environment, and quality of life. This commission seeks to provide solutions to the complex questions that arise from the coordination of wildfire response throughout the state.

Community Corrections Performance-Based Contracting (PBC)

This proposal would set up the legislative framework and authority for performance-based contracting within the Community Corrections program. Once approved, the Council would develop a specific formula for issuing PBC incentive payments. In FY 18-19, the JBC supported the addition of 4.0 FTE to complete the initial Program Assessment for Correctional Excellence scores for each provider by the beginning of 2020, which is an essential component in implementing PBC.

Repeal the DNA Working Group

The DNA Working Group was established in 2008 to address issues of evidence retention, including reports to the General Assembly on deferred sentences involving DNA evidence, and recommendations for legislation regarding DNA evidence retention and storage. The DNA Working Group has completed its statutory obligations and has not met since 2014.



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FY 2019-20 Decision Item Summary**

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<i>Prioritized Requests</i>	<i>Amount/Source of Funds</i>	<i>FTE</i>
<p>R-01: Sustain State Emergency Management Program <i>The Department requests an increase in General Fund in order to sustain emergency management in Colorado while reducing dependence on federal grants for this critical function. As a result of the expiration of federal grants, the State Emergency Management Program will see a funding gap of nearly \$1.4 million, or 45% of the funding provided to local jurisdictions to support emergency management functions.</i></p>	\$1,384,773 GF	0.0 FTE
<p>R-02: Colorado State Patrol Civilian and Uniformed Staff <i>The Department requests an increase in Highway User Tax Funds (HUTF) for uniformed and civilian staff in order to reach traffic safety goals and ultimately save lives. Increases in Colorado's population, number of drivers, and vehicle miles travelled require additional road troopers and support staff to provide a safe environment.</i></p>	\$2,337,254 HUTF	20.0 FTE
<p>R-03: Increase Colorado State Patrol Overtime <i>The Department requests an increase in HUTF in order to fully fund the Colorado State Patrol's overtime budget. The overtime budget is currently underfunded due to the addition of 30 new troopers in FY18/19. CSP currently awards compensatory time off when overtime funds are exhausted, which compromises highway safety.</i></p>	\$832,456 HUTF	0.0 FTE
<p>R-04: Additional Resources for Fire and Life Safety Section <i>The Department requests an increase in Cash Funds to employ a permit technician and to create a Professional Standards Unit within the Division of Fire Prevention and Control. A permit technician will increase staff efficiency, align skilled staff with appropriate goals, and decrease plan review times. A Professional Standards Unit will provide ongoing training and mentorship for certified inspectors, and will lead to increases in coordination and efficiency.</i></p>	\$618,185 CF	5.0 FTE
<p>R-05: Marijuana Tax Cash Fund for Toxicology Laboratory <i>The Department requests an increase in Cash Funds to include a net-zero refinance of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation toxicology laboratory. The toxicology laboratory provides testing services for law enforcement agencies pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and is required to submit data specific to marijuana impairment. The new financing structure for the laboratory would result in the elimination of toxicology testing fees for local law enforcement agencies.</i></p>	\$520,000 CF	0.0 FTE
<p>R-06: Increase E-470 Cash Fund Spending Authority <i>The Department requests an increase in Cash Funds to increase patrol hours on the E-470 corridor. Traffic on E-470 has increased 115% over the previous ten years, requiring additional patrol support. If this request is not approved,</i></p>	\$276,569 CF	2.0 FTE

<p><i>the Department will not have sufficient funds to fulfill the request from the E-470 Public Highway Authority for additional patrolling hours.</i></p>		
<p>R-07: Fire Arson Investigator Funding Transfer <i>The Department requests a net-zero transfer of \$115,256 General Fund and 1.0 FTE from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC). Currently, CBI has one fire investigator working together with a certified arson canine. DFPC houses eight staff members certified to perform investigations and plans to add five additional inspectors. By consolidating fire investigations under DFPC the Department can provide a higher level of service.</i></p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>0.0 FTE</p>
<p>R-08: VIN Inspection Program Cash Fund Spending Authority <i>The Department requests an increase in Cash Funds for the Vehicle Identification Number Inspection program. The Colorado State Patrol provides VIN inspection services for certain vehicles such as those that are homemade, rebuilt, assembled from a kit, or have a bonded title. Since 2010, inspections have increased 181% and revenues collected from these inspections have surpassed the spending authority outlined in the long bill, thus restricting the ability to charge expenditures to the program that could be covered by revenues collected.</i></p>	<p>\$110,429 CF</p>	<p>0.0 FTE</p>
<p>R-09: Community Corrections Provider Rate Increase <i>The Department requests an increase in funding of \$680,588 General Fund and \$26,418 in reappropriated funds to account for a community provider rate increase of 1%. The Community Corrections Program provides funding to 36 providers, 22 boards, 53 programs, and all referral agencies facilitating offender transitions into the community. This increase in Community Corrections funding would address continued inflationary increases for services and would allow for the continued provision of basic necessities associated with these programs.</i></p>	<p>\$707,006 GF/RF</p>	<p>0.0 FTE</p>