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LLS NO. 26-0626.01 Craig Harper x3481 **HOUSE BILL 26-1150**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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.)

Supplemental appropriations are made to the department of agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of agriculture for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part I as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$

PART I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(1) COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Personal Services	3,490,750		1,287,892			2,086,365[a]	116,493(I)
	(22.0 FTE)						
Health, Life, and Dental	~~5,079,024~~		~~1,503,984~~		~~3,176,054~~[b]		~~398,986(I)~~
	5,203,331		1,507,390		3,283,325[b]		412,616(I)
Short-term Disability	~~21,422~~		6,973		~~12,880~~[b]		1,569(I)
	21,451				12,909[b]		
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance	~~136,554~~		44,822		~~81,644~~[b]	1[a]	10,087(I)
	136,741				81,831[b]		

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization Disbursement Payments	~~3,046,536~~		996,085		~~1,826,294[b]~~	13[a]	224,144(I)
	3,050,692				1,830,450[b]		
Salary Survey	831,950		273,624		496,652[b]		61,674(I)
Step Pay	142,728		42,557		94,591[b]		5,580(I)
PERA Direct Distribution	515,620		169,252		346,368[b]		
Shift Differential	56,448		860		55,402[b]	146[a]	40(I)
Workers' Compensation	264,452		48,270		216,182[b]		
Operating Expenses[1]	426,475		173,527			251,998[a]	950(I)
Legal Services	1,018,672		307,247		711,425[b]		
Administrative Law Judge Services	10,835				10,835[b]		
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	520,432		315,512		204,920[b]		

			APPROPRIATION FROM				
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Vehicle Lease Payments	~~623,229~~		~~310,790~~		~~305,630~~[b]		~~6,809(I)~~
	511,453		255,049		250,816[b]		5,588(I)
Information Technology Asset Maintenance	42,041		42,041				
Leased Space	19,301				19,301[b]		
Office Consolidation COP	529,063				529,063[b]		
Annual Depreciation-Lease Equivalent Payment	461,617				461,617[b]		
Payments to OIT	~~3,499,689~~		~~2,223,702~~		~~1,275,987~~[b]		
	3,306,930		2,101,223		1,205,707[b]		
Digital Trunk Radio Payments	18,120		11,779		6,341[b]		
CORE Operations	34,321		4,681		25,915[b]	3,725[a]	
Utilities	240,000		50,000			190,000[a]	
Agrivoltaic Grants	300,000		300,000				

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Agriculture Management Fund	2,048,914				2,048,914[c]		
					(2.0 FTE)		
Indirect Cost Assessment	204,307				204,307[c]		
		~~23,582,500~~					
		23,406,644					

[a] An estimated $2,289,749 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and an estimated $242,499 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$

[b] Of these amounts, an estimated ~~$2,702,587~~ $2,735,300 shall be from the Brand Inspection Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$1,573,647~~ $1,569,296 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$608,630~~ $610,897 shall be from the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund created in Section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$606,135~~ $622,891 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., an estimated ~~$565,282~~ $566,722 shall be from the Inspection and Consumer Services Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$526,027~~ $524,972 shall be from the Agricultural Products Inspection Cash Fund created in Section 35-23-114 (3)(a), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$355,091~~$353,130 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., an estimated ~~$65,536~~$61,988 shall be from the Pet Animal Care and Facility Fund created in Section 35-80-116, C.R.S., an estimated $12,242(I) shall be from the Agriculture Value-added Cash Fund created in Section 35-75-205 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $8,499 shall be from the Alternative Livestock Farm Cash Fund created in Section 35-41.5-116, C.R.S., an estimated ~~$8,283~~$7,664(I) shall be from the Colorado Wine Industry Development Fund created in Section 35-29.5-105 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $1,050(I) shall be from the Veterinary Vaccine and Service Fund created in Section 35-50-106 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $1,475 shall be from the Aquaculture Cash Fund created in Section 35-24.5-111, C.R.S., and an estimated ~~$2,822,617~~$2,767,524 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

[c] These amounts shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.

(2) AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Animal Industry Division	3,211,508		2,578,653		455,595[a]		177,260(I)
	(21.0 FTE)						

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Plant Industry Division	7,723,804		653,767		6,268,181[b]		801,856(I)
	(58.3 FTE)						
Inspection and Consumer Services Division	5,584,324		1,391,789		3,792,692[c]	84,000[d]	315,843(I)
	(47.2 FTE)						
Conservation Services Division[2]	5,888,733		2,179,513		2,432,916[e]	450,000[f]	826,304(I)
	(27.0 FTE)						
Appropriation to the Noxious Weed Management Fund	450,000		450,000				
Lease Purchase Lab Equipment	99,360				99,360[g]		
Indirect Cost Assessment	1,582,203				1,263,678[g]		318,525(I)
		24,539,932					

		APPROPRIATION FROM				
ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
$	$	$	$	$	$	$

[a] Of this amount, an estimated $336,569(I) shall be from the Veterinary Vaccine and Service Fund created in Section 35-50-106 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $58,419 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., an estimated $5,000 shall be from the Aquaculture Cash Fund created in Section 35-24.5-111, C.R.S., an estimated $5,000(I) shall be from the Diseased Livestock Indemnity Fund created in Section 35-50-114 (3), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $5,000(I) shall be from the Cervidae Disease Revolving Fund created in Section 35-50-115 (1)(a), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated $45,607 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

[b] Of this amount, an estimated $3,775,244 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., $1,122,463 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $1,035,220 shall be from the Industrial Hemp Registration Program Cash Fund created in Section 35-61-106 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $16,124 shall be from the Emergency Invasive Pest Control Fund created in Section 35-1-106.4 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $5,000 shall be from the Seed Potato Cash Fund created in Section 35-27.3-111, C.R.S., and an estimated $314,130 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

[c] Of this amount, an estimated $3,263,597 shall be from the Inspection and Consumer Services Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $170,000 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., $169,678 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated $189,417 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

[d] This amount shall be from the Department of Public Health and Environment from the Clean Water Program Costs line item appropriation in the Clean Water Program subdivision in the Water Quality Control Division.

			APPROPRIATION FROM				
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$

[e] Of this amount, an estimated $1,550,025 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $500,000(I) shall be from the Agriculture Value-added Cash Fund created in Section 35-75-205 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, an estimated $235,635 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S., an estimated $15,000 shall be from the Noxious Weed Management Fund created in Section 35-5.5-116 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated $132,256 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

[f] This amount shall be transferred from the appropriation to the Noxious Weed Management Fund line item within this section. This amount shall be from the Noxious Weed Management Fund created in Section 35-5.5-116 (1), C.R.S.

[g] Of these amounts, an estimated $399,973 shall be from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.3 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $372,483 shall be from the Inspection and Consumer Services Cash Fund created in Section 35-1-106.5 (1), C.R.S., $194,279 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $67,321 shall be from the Industrial Hemp Registration Program Cash Fund created in Section 35-61-106 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $46,181(I) shall be from the Veterinary Vaccine and Service Fund created in Section 35-50-106 (1), C.R.S., and an estimated $282,801 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(3) AGRICULTURAL MARKETS DIVISION

(A) Agricultural Markets

Program Costs[3]	2,271,920		1,311,239		32,451[a]		928,230(I)
			(6.4 FTE)				

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Wine Promotion Board	574,246				574,246(I)[b]		
					(1.5 FTE)		
Agriculture Workforce Development Program[4, 5]	660,261		360,261		300,000[c]		
			(1.0 FTE)				
Indirect Cost Assessment	46,157				27,978(I)[b]		18,179(I)
Community Food Access Program	172,238		172,238				
			(2.0 FTE)				
	3,724,822						

[a] This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds within the Department.

[b] These amounts shall be from the Colorado Wine Industry Development Fund created in Section 35-29.5-105 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes as the fund is continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 35-29.5-105 (1), C.R.S.

[c] This amount shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
(B) Agricultural Products Inspection							
Program Costs	2,825,876		200,000		2,625,876[a]		
					(34.5 FTE)		
Indirect Cost Assessment	157,097				157,097[a]		
	2,982,973						

[a] These amounts shall be from the Agricultural Products Inspection Cash Fund created in Section 35-23-114 (3)(a), C.R.S.

		6,707,795					
(4) BRAND BOARD							
Brand Inspection	5,920,613				5,920,613[a]		
					(59.0 FTE)		
Alternative Livestock	15,355				15,355[b]		

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Brand Estray Fund	40,000				40,000(I)[c]		
Indirect Cost Assessment	281,500				281,500[d]		
		6,257,468					

[a] This amount shall be from the Brand Inspection Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S.

[b] This amount shall be from the Alternative Livestock Farm Cash Fund created in Section 35-41.5-116, C.R.S.

[c] This amount shall be from the Estray Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., and is included for informational purposes as the fund is continuously appropriated pursuant to Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S.

[d] Of this amount, an estimated $269,763 shall be from the Brand Inspection Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., an estimated $5,593 shall be from the Alternative Livestock Farm Cash Fund created in Section 35-41.5-116, C.R.S., and an estimated $5,297(I) shall be from the Estray Fund created in Section 35-41-102 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated $847 shall be from various sources of cash funds.

(5) COLORADO STATE FAIR

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Program Costs	10,469,738				10,469,738[a]		
					(26.9 FTE)		

			APPROPRIATION FROM				
	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
FFA and 4H Funding	550,000		250,000		300,000[b]		
State Fair Facilities							
Maintenance	429,492		300,000		129,492[a]		
Indirect Cost Assessment	164,006				164,006[a]		
		11,613,236					

[a] These amounts shall be from the Colorado State Fair Authority Cash Fund created in Section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S.

[b] This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

(6) CONSERVATION BOARD

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
Program Costs	~~648,957~~		648,957				
	734,011				85,054[a]		
			(~~5.2 FTE~~)				
			(6.0 FTE)				

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Distributions to Soil Conservation Districts	483,767		483,767				
Matching Grants to Districts	675,000		225,000		450,000[a]		
Salinity Control Grants	506,781						506,781(I)
Appropriation to the Conservation District Grant Fund	700,000				700,000[b]		
		~~3,014,505~~					
		3,099,559					

[a] Of this amount, an estimated $350,000(I) shall be from the Conservation District Grant Fund created in Section 35-1-106.7 (1), C.R.S., which amount is included for informational purposes only, and an estimated ~~$100,000~~ $185,054 shall be from the Agriculture Management Fund created in Section 35-1-106.9, C.R.S.

[b] This amount shall be from the Severance Tax Operational Fund created in Section 39-29-109 (2)(b), C.R.S.

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
(7) DIVISION OF ANIMAL WELFARE							
Program Costs	590,801		580,801		10,000[a]		
			(3.1 FTE)				
Bureau of Animal Protection	494,525		494,525				
			(4.0 FTE)				
Pet Animal Care Facilities Act	895,722		170,295		725,427[b]		
	(11.0 FTE)						
Indirect Cost Assessment	96,978				96,978[b]		
		2,078,026					

[a] This amount shall be from the Animal Protection Fund created in Section 35-42-113 (1), C.R.S.

[b] This amount shall be from the Pet Animal Care and Facility Fund created in Section 35-80-116 (1), C.R.S.

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
TOTALS PART I							
(AGRICULTURE)		~~$77,793,462~~	~~$20,564,403~~		~~$49,443,501[a]~~	$3,066,248	~~$4,719,310[b]~~
		$77,702,660	$20,389,589		$49,515,104[a]		$4,731,719[b]

[a] Of this amount, ~~$1,911,846~~ $1,911,227 contains an (I) notation.

[b] This amount contains an (I) notation.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

1 Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Office and Administrative Services, Operating Expenses -- It is the General Assembly's intent that $207,099 General Fund of this appropriation be used for the implementation of a Human Resources and Business Operations solution within OnBase. This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the completion of the project or the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year, whichever comes first.

2 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Services, Conservation Services Division -- It is the General Assembly's intent that $500,000 General Fund of this appropriation be disbursed for grants for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate resilience projects. This appropriation remains available until the close of the 2027-28 state fiscal year.

3 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Program Costs -- It is the General Assembly's intent that $39,825 General Fund of this appropriation be used for the International Markets program, and $26,550 General Fund be used for the Colorado Proud program.

4 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Agriculture Workforce Development Program -- This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2026-27 state fiscal year.

5 Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Markets Division, Agricultural Markets, Agriculture Workforce Development Program - It is the General Assembly's intent that $64,108 General Fund of this appropriation be used for purposes of the Workforce Development program.

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