

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 20, 2026  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1331 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 10, after line 12 insert:

2           **"SECTION 18. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026**  
3 **legislative appropriation bill.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2)  
4 of this section, to implement this act, appropriations made in House Bill  
5 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the legislative department  
6 are adjusted as follows:

7           (a) The general fund appropriation for the general assembly is  
8 decreased by \$126,971;

9           (b) The general fund appropriation for the legislative council is  
10 decreased by \$161,162, and the related FTE is decreased by 1.9 FTE; and

11           (c) The general fund appropriation for the committee on legal  
12 services is decreased by \$108,336, and the related FTE is decreased by  
13 1.4 FTE.

14           (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
15 an appropriation in House Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year  
16 if:

17           (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in House  
18 Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the general assembly is  
19 less than the amount of the adjustments required in subsection (1)(a) of  
20 this section;

21           (b) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in House  
22 Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the legislative council  
23 is less than the amount of the adjustments required in subsection (1)(b) of  
24 this section;

25           (c) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in House  
26 Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the committee on legal  
27 services is less than the amount of the adjustments required in subsection

1 (1)(c) of this section; or  
2 (d) House Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not  
3 include an appropriation for the legislative department.

4 **SECTION 19. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
5 except that section 18 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 26-1333  
6 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 18  
7 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the House Bill 26-  
8 1333 for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later."

9 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

10 Page 1, line 101, strike "ACTIVITIES." and substitute "ACTIVITIES, AND,  
11 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION."

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