

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 21, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB26-042 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend the Finance Committee Report, dated February 10, 2026, page 1,
- 2 line 4, strike "(1)(e)" and substitute "(1)(e), (1)(f)".

- 3 Page 1 of the report, strike line 5 and substitute:

- 4 "Page 4, strike line 14 and substitute: "2025:
- 5 (A) THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE TO COLLECT AN EXCISE TAX
- 6 AND SALES AND USE TAX ON".

- 7 Page 3 of the printed bill, line 1, after "(d)" insert "(I)".

- 8 Page 3 of the bill, line 2, after "tax" insert "and sales and use tax".

- 9 Page 3 of the bill, line 8, strike "(e)" and substitute "(II)".

- 10 Page 3 of the bill, line 9, after "tax" insert "and sales and use tax".

- 11 Page 3 of the bill, line 13, strike "and".

- 12 Page 3 of the bill, after line 13 insert:
- 13 "(e) (I) Under the existing definition of "collections for another
- 14 government", some money that the state collects from the fee for criminal
- 15 history record checks that is transmitted to the federal bureau of
- 16 investigation for the portions of such criminal history record checks
- 17 conducted by the federal government is treated as state fiscal year
- 18 spending when determining whether the state has exceeded the state's
- 19 fiscal year spending limit despite the constitutional exemption for such
- 20 collections;

1 (II) It is inconsistent with section 20 of article X of the state
2 constitution to treat money that the state collects from the fee for criminal
3 history record checks and that is transmitted to the federal bureau of
4 investigation as state fiscal year spending in light of the specific
5 exemption for "collections for another government"; and".

6 Page 4 of the bill, line 16, strike "ENTITY." and substitute "ENTITY; AND".
7 "(B) THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE TO COLLECT A FEE FOR
8 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS, A PORTION OF WHICH IS
9 TRANSMITTED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE
10 REQUIRED FEDERAL COMPONENT OF SUCH RECORD CHECKS."

11 Page 4 of the bill, line 19, strike (1)(b)(IV)" and substitute
12 "(1)(b)(IV)(A)".

13 Page 4 of the bill, after line 27 insert:
14 "(f) "COLLECTIONS FOR ANOTHER GOVERNMENT", WITH RESPECT
15 TO REVENUE THAT IS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
16 (1)(b)(IV)(B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDES THE FEE REVENUES THAT ARE
17 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
18 CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-426
19 AND THAT IS TRANSMITTED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
20 FOR A REQUIRED FEDERAL COMPONENT OF SUCH CRIMINAL HISTORY
21 RECORD CHECKS."

22 Page 5 of the bill strike lines 19 through 27.

23 Strike page 6 of the bill.

24 Page 7 of the bill, strike lines 1 through 13.

25 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

26 Page 7 of the bill, strike line 27.

27 Page 8 of the bill, strike lines 1 through 3 and substitute:

28 "**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-117, **amend**
29 (5) as follows:

30 **24-4.1-117. Fund created - control of fund.**

31 (5) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING PRIOR TO JULY 1,
32 2026, all money deposited in the fund must be used solely for the
33 compensation of victims pursuant to this part 1; except that the district

1 attorney and the court executive may use an aggregate of no more than
2 twenty-two and one-half percent of the total amount of money in the
3 crime victim compensation fund for administrative costs incurred
4 pursuant to this part 1. The district attorney may use no more than twenty
5 percent of the total amount of money in the fund for administrative costs.
6 The court executive may use no more than two and one-half percent of
7 the total amount of money in the fund for administrative costs.

8 (b) FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
9 2026:

10 (I) ALL MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE FUND MUST BE USED SOLELY FOR
11 THE COMPENSATION OF VICTIMS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 1; AND

12 (II) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE
13 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
14 TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE FUND IN THAT
15 JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL
16 TO TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE
17 FUND IN THAT JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-205, **repeal**
19 (5.5)(a); and **add** (5.7) as follows:

20 **43-4-205. Allocation of fund - repeal.**

21 (5.5) The following highway users tax fund revenues shall be
22 allocated and expended in accordance with the formula specified in
23 subsection (5) of this section:

24 (a) ~~Revenues from fines, penalties, or forfeitures that are credited~~
25 ~~to the fund pursuant to sections 18-4-509 (2)(a), 39-27-104 (1)(g),~~
26 ~~42-1-217 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (1)(e), and (2), 42-4-225 (3), and 42-4-235~~
27 ~~(2)(a);~~

28 (5.7) REVENUES FROM FINES, PENALTIES, OR FORFEITURES THAT
29 ARE CREDITED TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS
30 18-4-509 (2)(a), 39-27-104 (1)(g), 42-1-217 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (1)(e),
31 AND (2), 42-4-225 (3), AND 42-4-235 (2)(a), ARE ALLOCATED TO THE
32 COLORADO STATE PATROL TO BE USED FOR ROAD SAFETY."

33 Page 8 of the bill, before line 4 insert:

34 **"SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
35 \$2,250,000 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by state
36 courts administration. This appropriation is from the general fund. To
37 implement this act, the state courts may use this appropriation for
38 Victims' Compensation Administration.

39 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** For the 2026-27 state fiscal year,
40 \$2,250,000 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by state
41 courts administration. This appropriation is from the general fund. To

- 1 implement this act, the state courts may use this appropriation for
- 2 Victims' Compensation Administration."

- 3 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

- 4 Page 1, line 106, strike "AWARDS." and substitute "AWARDS AND MAKING
- 5 AN APPROPRIATION."

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