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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### 101 CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN LAWS THAT ARE WITHIN

102 THE PURVIEW OF THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

### **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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov/</u>.)

**Capital Development Committee. Section 1** of the bill modifies procedures for election of a chair and a vice-chair of the capital development committee (CDC) to require that the chair and the vice-chair be elected annually at the CDC's first December meeting. Additionally, the bill clarifies how the role of chair and vice-chair are served. In even-numbered years, the chair is a member from the senate and the

HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading April 17, 2025 vice-chair is a member from the house of representatives and in odd-numbered years the chair is a member from the house of representatives and the vice-chair is a member from the senate.

Section 2 removes the requirement that the transportation commission annually submit capital requests to the CDC.

Current law requires the Colorado commission on higher education (commission) to request annually from the governing board of each state institution of higher education (institution) a 2-year projection of certain capital construction projects to be undertaken by an institution which is then submitted to the CDC for review and approval. **Section 3** adjusts law to align with current practice by:

- Requiring that projections be reviewed at the commission's next available meeting;
- Repealing the requirement that an institution amend the projection prior to commencing a project if the project is not in the institution's most recent projection;
- Repealing the requirement that the commission annually prepare a unified, 2-year report for capital construction or capital renewal projects acquired or constructed and operated and maintained solely using cash funds held by an institution that are not for new acquisitions of real property or new construction and are estimated to require total project expenditures exceeding \$10 million;
- Repealing the requirement that the commission annually prepare a unified, 2-year report for capital construction projects for new acquisitions of real property or for new construction that are estimated to require total project expenditures exceeding \$2 million;
- Clarifying deadlines for the CDC to hold a hearing to review projections;
- Repealing the requirement that the CDC hold a hearing regarding projections whenever a projection is amended; and
- Repealing the requirement that the CDC review and approve guidelines prepared by the office of the state architect regarding the classification of facilities as academic facilities or auxiliary facilities.

Section 4 extends the deadline for the state treasurer's office to submit to the CDC and other agencies its annual report on the fiscal health of institutions from September 1 to March 1 of each year, beginning with the report that is due for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Section 5 specifies November 1 of each year as a date certain by which agencies and institutions must encumber money for their capital construction projects. Under current law, if an agency or institution will not encumber money for its capital construction project within the period specified, it may request that the CDC recommend to the controller that the deadline be waived for that project. **Section 5** modifies this allowance so that an agency or institution may request that the CDC recommend that the deadline be extended for a 6-month period.

Section 6 adjusts law to align with current practice by changing the date from January 1, which is always a holiday, to January 2 for the office of state planning and budgeting to submit to the CDC its updates to its recommended priority of funding for capital construction projects as part of the November 1 budget package.

Section 7 clarifies that any capital construction project that the CDC, in consultation with the council on creative industries, agrees does not meet the original purpose of the art in public places program may be exempt from the requirements of the program.

Section 8 clarifies that when a capital construction project receives a supplemental appropriation, it is available for the remainder of the state fiscal year for which the supplemental appropriation act was enacted and for the next 2 subsequent state fiscal years.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1302, amend
3 (1.5) and (2) as follows:

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**2-3-1302.** Capital development committee established. (1.5) In

5 order to expedite the work of the capital development committee, 6 appointees may APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE SHALL be designated 7 after the general election MADE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 prior to the convening of the general assembly at which such committee is to serve, 8 9 whether such appointees are members of the current general assembly or 10 members-elect of the next general assembly, or both. Such appointees 11 have all the powers and duties and are entitled to the same compensation 12 and expense allowance as members duly appointed under the provisions 13 of subsection (1) of this section.

14 (2) The capital development committee shall elect a chair and a
 15 vice-chair at the first meeting held on or after October 15 in each
 16 odd-numbered year and at the first December meeting held after the

1 general election in each even-numbered EACH year. The chair and 2 vice-chair appointments must alternate between a member from the house 3 of representatives and a member from the senate with the first chair being 4 from the senate and the first vice-chair being from the house of 5 representatives IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND WITH THE CHAIR BEING 6 FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE VICE-CHAIR BEING FROM 7 THE SENATE IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS. The person serving as chair, or a 8 member of the same house if such person is no longer a member thereof, 9 shall serve as vice-chair during the next legislative session, and the person 10 serving as vice-chair, or a member of the same house if such person is no 11 longer a member thereof, shall serve as chair during the next legislative 12 session.

13 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1304, amend
14 (1)(a.5) as follows:

15 2-3-1304. Powers and duties of capital development
 16 committee. (1) The capital development committee has the following
 17 powers and duties:

18 (a.5) To study the request from ANY REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY the 19 transportation commission for state highway reconstruction, repair, and 20 maintenance projects to be funded from money transferred to the capital 21 construction fund pursuant to section 24-75-302 (2), C.R.S., specifically 22 for such purpose. On or before October 1 of each year, the transportation 23 commission shall MAY submit its request, based on the statewide 24 transportation improvement programs, with a prioritized list of 25 recommended state highway reconstruction, repair, and maintenance 26 projects with the priority of projects on the list determined on the basis of 27 greatest need without regard to location in the state. IF THE

1 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SUBMITS A REQUEST, the capital 2 development committee shall determine FROM THE SUBMITTED REQUEST 3 the number of projects on the list that may be funded from money 4 available in the capital construction fund for state highway reconstruction, 5 repair, or maintenance projects. Only projects on the list may be funded 6 from money available in the capital construction fund for state highway 7 reconstruction, repair, or maintenance projects, and the projects must be 8 funded in the priority determined by the transportation commission; 9 except that, if a project on the list cannot be funded because an alternative 10 source of funding for the project has become available, a court order has 11 enjoined the project, or an act of God has made the project construction 12 unfeasible, the transportation commission shall submit the next phase of 13 that project or the next project on that regional priority list to the capital 14 development committee for approval as an addition to the list in lieu of 15 the project that cannot be funded. No substitute project submitted by the 16 transportation commission from the regional priority list shall be 17 approved by the capital development committee if funding said project 18 would result in the delay of any other project on the list. Upon approval 19 of an amended list, the department of transportation shall provide a copy 20 of the amended list to the members of the joint budget committee, the 21 transportation, HOUSING, and energy LOCAL GOVERNMENT committee in 22 the house of representatives, and the transportation AND ENERGY 23 committee in the senate, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. Projects on the 24 list submitted by the transportation commission by October 1 or on an 25 amended list submitted as provided in this paragraph (a.5) SUBSECTION 26 (1)(a.5) may be funded from money transferred to the capital construction 27 fund and available in the current fiscal year or money to be transferred to

the capital construction fund for the fiscal year beginning the following
 July 1.

3 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-106, amend
4 (6)(b), (7)(c), (9)(a), (9)(b), and (10.2)(b)(I) introductory portion; and
5 repeal (9)(e) as follows:

6 23-1-106. Duties and powers of the commission with respect 7 to capital construction and long-range planning - report - legislative 8 **declaration - definitions.** (6) (b) The commission shall <del>request annually</del> 9 from the governing board of each state institution of higher education a 10 REVIEW, AT ITS NEXT AVAILABLE MEETING, ANY two-year projection of 11 capital construction projects SUBMITTED BY A STATE INSTITUTION OF 12 HIGHER EDUCATION to be undertaken pursuant to subsection (9) of this 13 section and estimated to require total project expenditures exceeding two 14 million dollars if the capital construction project is for new acquisitions 15 of real property or new construction and funded solely from cash funds 16 held by the institution or the project is funded through the higher 17 education revenue bond intercept program established pursuant to section 18 23-5-139, or exceeding ten million dollars if the project is not for new 19 acquisitions of real property or new construction and is funded solely 20 from cash funds held by the institution. The projection must include the 21 estimated cost, the method of funding, and a schedule for project 22 completion for each project. A state institution of higher education shall 23 amend the projection prior to commencing a project that is not included 24 in the institution's most recent projection.

25 (7) (c) (I) (A) The commission annually shall prepare a unified,
 26 two-year report for capital construction or capital renewal projects
 27 described in subsection (9) of this section that are not for new

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acquisitions of real property or new construction and are estimated to
 require total project expenditures exceeding ten million dollars,
 coordinated with education plans. The commission shall transmit the
 report to the office of state planning and budgeting, the governor, the
 capital development committee, and the joint budget committee,
 consistent with the executive budget timetable.

7 (B) The commission annually shall prepare a unified, two-year 8 report for capital construction projects for new acquisitions of real 9 property or for new construction, estimated to require total project 10 expenditures exceeding two million dollars, coordinated with education 11 plans. The commission shall transmit the report to the office of state 12 planning and budgeting, the governor, the capital development 13 committee, and the joint budget committee, consistent with the executive 14 budget timetable.

15 (II) (A) The commission shall submit the two-year projections 16 prepared by each state institution INSTITUTIONS of higher education for 17 each two-year period to the office of state planning and budgeting and the 18 capital development committee. The capital development committee shall 19 conduct a hearing in each regular legislative session on the projections 20 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION DURING A REGULAR LEGISLATIVE 21 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER 22 SUBMISSION DURING ANY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT IN 23 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION and either approve the projections or 24 return the projections to the state institution of higher education for 25 modification. The commission and the office of state planning and 26 budgeting shall provide the capital development committee with 27 comments concerning each projection.

1 (B) A state institution of higher education may submit to the staff 2 of the capital development committee, the commission, and the office of 3 state planning and budgeting an amendment to its approved two-year 4 projection. The capital development committee shall conduct a hearing 5 on the amendment within thirty days after submission during a regular 6 legislative session of the general assembly or within forty-five days after 7 submission during any period that the general assembly is not in regular 8 legislative session. The capital development committee shall either 9 approve the projections or return the projections to the state institution of 10 higher education for modification. The commission and the office of state 11 planning and budgeting shall provide the capital development committee 12 with comments concerning each amendment.

13 (9) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (9) 14 SUBSECTION (9)(d) OF THIS SECTION, a capital construction or capital 15 renewal project for an auxiliary facility initiated by the governing board 16 of a state institution of higher education that is contained in the most 17 recent two-year projection approved pursuant to subparagraph (II) of 18 paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of this section, as the projection may be 19 amended from time to time HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CAPITAL 20 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS PART OF A TWO-YEAR PROJECTION WITHIN 21 THE LAST TWO CALENDAR YEARS, and that is to be acquired or constructed 22 and operated and maintained solely from cash funds held by the 23 institution, is not subject to additional review or approval by the 24 commission, the office of state planning and budgeting, the capital 25 development committee, or the joint budget committee; except that, if the 26 capital construction or capital renewal project for an auxiliary facility is 27 to be acquired or constructed in whole or in part using moneys MONEY

subject to the higher education revenue bond intercept program
 established pursuant to section 23-5-139, then the governing board of a
 state institution of higher education must obtain approval from the general
 assembly as specified in that section.

5 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (9) 6 SUBSECTION (9)(d) OF THIS SECTION, a capital construction or capital 7 renewal project for an academic facility initiated by the governing board 8 of a state institution of higher education that is contained in the most 9 recent two-year projection approved pursuant to subparagraph (II) of 10 paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of this section, as the projection may be 11 amended from time to time HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CAPITAL 12 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS PART OF A TWO-YEAR PROJECTION WITHIN 13 THE LAST TWO CALENDAR YEARS, and that is to be acquired or constructed 14 solely from cash funds held by the institution and operated and 15 maintained from such funds or from state moneys MONEY appropriated 16 for such purpose, or both, is not subject to additional review or approval 17 by the commission, the office of state planning and budgeting, the capital 18 development committee, or the joint budget committee; except that, if the 19 capital construction or capital renewal project for an academic facility is 20 to be acquired or constructed in whole or in part using moneys MONEY 21 subject to the higher education revenue bond intercept program 22 established pursuant to section 23-5-139, then the governing board of a 23 state institution of higher education must obtain approval from the general 24 assembly as specified in that section. Any capital construction or capital 25 renewal project subject to this paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (9)(b) must 26 comply with the high performance standard certification program 27 established pursuant to section 24-30-1305.5. C.R.S.

1 (e) A capital construction or acquisition project approved and 2 appropriated prior to January 1, 2010, may be contained in the most 3 recent unified two-year capital improvements project projection approved 4 pursuant to subparagraph (II) of paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of this 5 section. The projection may be amended from time to time and is not 6 subject to additional review or approval by the commission, the office of 7 state planning and budgeting, the capital development committee, or the 8 joint budget committee.

9 (10.2) (b) (I) The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and 10 declares that the classification of facilities as academic facilities or 11 auxiliary facilities can be difficult, and such classifications often change 12 as academic needs, student needs, and new construction and design 13 practices emerge. Therefore, the office of the state architect, in 14 collaboration with the department of higher education and the office of 15 state planning and budgeting, shall develop guidelines in order to assist 16 such classification. The guidelines shall be annually reviewed and 17 approved by the capital development committee. The guidelines must 18 address the following two factors that have historically been considered 19 when classifying academic facilities and auxiliary facilities:

20 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-5-139, amend 21 (1)(d)(I) introductory portion as follows:

22 23-5-139. Higher education revenue bond intercept program 23 - definitions. (1) (d) (I) No later than September 1, 2016, and each 24 September 1 thereafter UNTIL THE REPORT THAT IS DUE FOR STATE FISCAL 25 YEAR 2025-26 WHICH IS DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026, AND EACH 26 MARCH 1 THEREAFTER FOR SUBSEQUENT REPORTS, the state treasurer shall 27 provide the capital development committee, the joint budget committee,

the Colorado commission on higher education, and the office of state
 planning and budgeting with a report that includes:

3 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-1404, amend
4 (7)(a), (7)(b), (7)(c) introductory portion, (7)(e), and (7)(f); repeal (7)(g)
5 and (7)(h); and add (7)(c)(V), (7)(c)(VI), (7)(c)(VII), and (7)(c)(VIII) as
6 follows:

7 24-30-1404. Contracts - definition. (7) (a) Except as provided 8 in subsections (7)(b), (7)(c), (7)(e), AND (7)(f), (7)(g), and (7)(h) of this 9 section, any professional services contract entered into pursuant to the 10 provisions of this part 14 shall MUST be executed and encumbered 11 within six months after the date on which the appropriation that 12 includes the project for which the professional services are required 13 becomes law OR ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 14 FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION THAT INCLUDES THE PROJECT FOR WHICH 15 THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE REQUIRED IS AUTHORIZED, WHICHEVER 16 IS LATER. If no professional services contract is required for a particular 17 project, the contract with the contractor for the project shall MUST be 18 entered into within six months after the appropriation OR ON OR BEFORE 19 NOVEMBER 1 OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATION 20 IS AUTHORIZED, WHICHEVER IS LATER. If a state agency or state institution 21 of higher education determines that the nature of a particular project is such that the deadlines imposed by this section cannot be met, the state 22 23 agency or state institution of higher education may request the capital 24 development committee to recommend to the controller that the deadline 25 be waived EXTENDED for that project; EXCEPT THAT FOR FEE TITLE 26 ACQUISITIONS BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE IN THE 27 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEADLINE MAY BE WAIVED.

1 The controller, in consultation with the capital development committee 2 may grant a waiver from AN EXTENSION OF the deadlines OR A WAIVER, IF 3 APPLICABLE. This subsection (7) shall not apply to projects under the 4 supervision of the department of transportation. This subsection (7) shall 5 not affect any priority established pursuant to section 44-40-111 (11) in 6 the general appropriation act for expenditures for projects to be financed 7 from net lottery proceeds appropriated for capital construction. AN 8 EXTENSION THAT IS RECOMMENDED OR GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS 9 SUBSECTION (7)(a) SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX MONTHS.

(b) (I) The deadlines established in paragraph (a) of this
subsection (7) shall apply to THIS SUBSECTION (7) DOES NOT AFFECT ANY
PRIORITY ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-40-111 (11) IN THE
GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECTS TO BE
FINANCED FROM NET LOTTERY PROCEEDS APPROPRIATED FOR CAPITAL
CONSTRUCTION.

(II) FOR projects funded with net lottery proceeds, but the
six-month period shall begin to run only ANY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT MUST BE EXECUTED AND ENCUMBERED AND ANY CONTRACT
WITH THE CONTRACTOR MUST BE ENTERED INTO WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF
when an agency receives a distribution from such proceeds for a
particular project.

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(c) This subsection (7) shall DOES not apply to:

23 (V) PROJECTS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 24 TRANSPORTATION;

(VI) A CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT A STATE INSTITUTION
OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED SOLELY WITH CASH
FUNDS HELD BY THE INSTITUTION, FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR

1 THE PROJECT, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH;

(VII) THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS, ESTABLISHED
IN ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 36, IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT EXPENDITURES
FROM THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS INVESTMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 36-1-153, OR THE COMMERCIAL
REAL PROPERTY OPERATING FUND CREATED IN SECTION 36-1-153.7; OR

7 (VIII) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS THAT ARE OVERSEEN
8 BY THE JOINT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO PART 17 OF ARTICLE
9 3 OF TITLE 2. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (7)(c)(VIII), "INFORMATION
10 TECHNOLOGY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
11 2-3-1701 (7).

12 In the event that the governor restricts or delays the (e) 13 expenditure of moneys MONEY for a project for which a professional 14 services contract is required pursuant to the authority granted TO the 15 governor in section 24-75-201.5, the running of the six-month deadline 16 DEADLINES imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection (7) SUBSECTION 17 (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION for such projects shall be tolled until such time as 18 the restriction or delay is no longer in effect, AT WHICH TIME THE 19 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT MUST BE EXECUTED AND 20 ENCUMBERED AND ANY CONTRACT WITH THE CONTRACTOR MUST BE 21 ENTERED INTO WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

(f) In the event that an appropriation is made to a state agency or
state institution of higher education for allocation to other state agencies
or state institutions of higher education, the six-month period applies
DEADLINE to the execution and encumbrance of EXECUTE AND ENCUMBER
a contract by the agency or institution receiving the allocation and begins
to run IS SIX MONTHS from the date of the allocation by the agency or

institution that received the original appropriation. Nothing in this
 paragraph (f) shall be SUBSECTION (7)(f) IS construed to extend the
 duration of any appropriation.

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(g) This subsection (7) shall not apply to:

5 (I) A capital construction project at a state institution of higher 6 education that is to be constructed solely from cash funds held by the 7 institution or federal funds made available for the project or a 8 combination of the cash funds and the federal funds; or

9 (II) The state board of land commissioners, established in article 10 1 of title 36, C.R.S., in connection with contract expenditures from the 11 state board of land commissioners investment and development fund 12 created in section 36-1-153, C.R.S., or the commercial real property 13 operating fund created in section 36-1-153.7, C.R.S.

(h) The six-month deadline imposed by subsection (7)(a) of this
section does not apply to information technology projects that are
overseen by the joint technology committee pursuant to part 17 of article
3 of title 2. As used in this subsection (7)(h), "information technology"
has the meaning provided in section 2-3-1701 (7).

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-37-304, amend
(1)(c.3)(III) as follows:

21 24-37-304. Additional budgeting responsibilities. (1) In
addition to the responsibilities enumerated in section 24-37-302, the
office of state planning and budgeting shall:

(c.3) (III) The office may modify the recommended priority of
funding of capital construction or capital renewal projects of each state
agency and state institution of higher education for the upcoming fiscal
year no later than the January 1 JANUARY 2 of the year following the

1 original submission described in sub-subparagraph (C) of subparagraph 2 (I) of this paragraph (c.3) SUBSECTION (1)(c.3)(I)(C) OF THIS SECTION. 3 SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-48.5-312, amend 4 (3)(a)(III)(H) as follows: 5 24-48.5-312. Art in public places program - allocations from 6 capital construction costs - guidelines - fund created - definitions. 7 (3) (a) (III) The requirements specified in this subsection (3)(a) do not 8 apply to: 9 (H) Any capital construction projects that the capital development 10 committee, in consultation with the council, agrees do not meet the 11 original purpose of the requirement specified in this paragraph (a), and 12 determines by affirmative vote that the project meets one of the 13 exceptions allowed in sub-subparagraphs (A) to (G) of this subparagraph 14 (HH) SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OR (3)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION. 15 SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-303, amend 16 (5)(a)(II) as follows: 17 24-75-303. Appropriation for capital construction.

(5) (a) Except for an appropriation for a financed purchase of an asset or
certificate of participation payment, except as provided in subsection
(5)(b) of this section, and unless otherwise noted in a footnote in an
appropriation act, an appropriation for a capital construction budget item
or an information technology capital project, including capital
construction, controlled maintenance, or capital renewal projects, as such
terms are defined in section 24-30-1301, included in:

(II) A supplemental appropriation act authorized or required by
section 2-3-208, 24-37-304, 24-75-111 (5), or 24-75-111.5 (5) is available
for expenditure upon enactment of the supplemental appropriation act and

1 remains available for expenditure or encumbrance for three THE 2 REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR DURING WHICH THE SUPPLEMENTAL 3 APPROPRIATION ACT WAS ENACTED AND FOR THE NEXT TWO full fiscal 4 years commencing with the fiscal year during which the supplemental 5 appropriation act was enacted THEREAFTER, or until the project is 6 completed, whichever is first; except that expenditures and nonmonetary adjustments allowed under section 24-75-111 or 24-75-111.5 are 7 8 available for expenditure as specified in such sections.

9 **SECTION 9.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except 12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this 14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take 15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 16 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.