



Colorado General Assembly
Joint Budget Committee

Joint Budget Committee Staff

FY 2013-14 Budget Briefing Summary

Department of Law

The Attorney General is one of five independently elected constitutional officers of the State. As the chief executive officer of the Department of Law, the Attorney General represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and serves as the legal counsel and advisor to state agencies. The Department's FY 2012-13 appropriation represents 0.3 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.1 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

FY 2012-13 Appropriation and FY 2013-14 Request

	Department of Law					FTE
	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reappropriated Funds	Federal Funds	
FY 2012-13 Appropriation:						
HB 12-1335 (Long Bill)	\$57,000,607	\$9,887,386	\$10,583,286	\$34,953,770	\$1,576,165	427.1
Other legislation	<u>250,523</u>	<u>8,799</u>	<u>196,677</u>	<u>45,047</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2.1</u>
TOTAL	\$57,251,130	\$9,896,185	\$10,779,963	\$34,998,817	\$1,576,165	429.2
FY 2013-14 Requested Appropriation:						
FY 2012-13 Appropriation	\$57,251,130	\$9,896,185	\$10,779,963	\$34,998,817	\$1,576,165	429.2
R-1: Add Appellate FTE	554,200	554,200	0	0	0	5.5
R-2: Add Special Prosecution FTE	298,906	211,232	43,837	43,837	0	1.9
R-3: Refinance tobacco litigation efforts	0	676,952	(676,952)	0	0	0.0
R-4: Refinance Public Information Officer	89,277	20,351	(95,071)	160,400	3,597	0.0
NPI-1: Risk management adjustment	3,284		0	3,284	0	0.0
Employee benefits/common changes	2,467,932	229,385	189,235	1,956,089	93,223	0.0
Relocation to Carr Center	1,652,678	416,935	237,157	950,063	48,523	0.0
Change in anticipated grant funding	43,159		0	43,159	0	0.5
Annualize 2012 session bills	19,431		(18,423)	37,854	0	0.5
Tobacco litigation expense reduction	(380,000)		(380,000)	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year budget actions	<u>(230,662)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(220,896)</u>	<u>(9,766)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
TOTAL	\$61,769,335	12,005,240	\$9,858,850	\$38,183,737	\$1,721,508	437.6
Increase/(Decrease)	\$4,518,205	\$2,109,055	(\$921,113)	\$3,184,920	\$145,343	8.4
Percentage Change	7.9%	21.3%	(8.5%)	9.1%	9.2%	2.0%

Summary of Issues Presented to the Joint Budget Committee

Appellate Case Backlog: The Department of Law has requested \$554,200 General Fund for FY 2013-14 to add six Assistant Attorneys General to address its growing backlog of criminal appeal cases.

Major Litigation Pending Against the State: This issue brief provides a summary of legal cases involving the State that could have a significant financial impact.

Mortgage Servicing/ Foreclosure Processing Settlement: The Department of Law has received \$51.2 million as the result of a multi-state settlement with five major mortgage servicing companies. More than 80 percent of these funds will support supplemental loan modification programs and affordable housing programs.

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To read the entire briefing: http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/jbc/2012-13/lawbrf.pdf