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Agriculture						
Fruit & Vegetable Inspection - Potato Inspection Subsidy	(200,000)	0	0	(200,000)	0.0	Eliminate the General Fund subsidy provided for potato inspections. Potatoes are the only vegetables that require mandatory inspection. It is not clear how potato inspection benefits the majority of citizens in Colorado, therefore a General Fund appropriation may be inappropriate. This would require a statutory change (35-23-111, C.R.S.).
Permanently refinance the Agricultural Markets Division with cash funds	(500,000)	0	0	(500,000)	0.0	This would refinance the Agricultural Markets Division with Agriculture Management Fund funds. This means that the Agriculture Management Fund would not be able to provide as many grants and support programs as originally intended when H.B 08-1399 was passed.
Brand Board Vehicle	300,000	0	0	300,000	0.0	The Brand Board is supported by cash fees paid by the user Brand Board services. Brand inspectors have 20 trucks that need replaced and have over 140,000 miles. This request is for replacement of those vehicles, used by the brand inspectors throughout the State.
Restore General Fund Cuts to Conservation Programs	400,000	0	0	400,000	0.0	Conservation programs support the 76 conservation districts in Colorado. A portion of these funds are competitively awarded to districts for travel, clerical, technical assistance and other administrative expenditures of the conservation district. Additionally, these programs support a grant program for conservation practices, and a conservation technician program which supports 27.5 percent of the salary for district technician positions. This option would restore General Fund appropriations to conservation programs that have been cut by a total of 40% since FY 2008-09.
Subtotal Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Corrections						
Reduce the Maintenance Subprogram by 5 Percent	(1,200,000)	0	0	(1,200,000)	(15.0)	The maintenance appropriation pays for general facility and grounds maintenance as well as boiler house; janitorial; and vehicle maintenance, and life safety projects for over 6.9 million square feet of building space. Most of this work is performed by inmates with staff responsible for supervising and training inmates.
Reduce the Mental Health Subprogram by 10 Percent	(1,000,000)	0	0	(1,000,000)	(13.1)	The mental health subprogram provides psychiatric, psychological, social work, and other mental health services to inmates. These services include clinical mental health services, rehabilitative services, and services for inmates who are mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled. This funding also supports mental health care at the San Carlos Correctional Facility, a 250-bed facility for offenders with serious mental illness, mentally handicapped offenders, and developmentally disabled offenders.
Reduce the Daily Rate Paid to Private Prisons, County Jails, and Other Facilities that House State Prisoners by 1 Percent	(900,000)	0	0	(900,000)	0.0	The Department of Corrections pays county jails, private prisons, and some community corrections facilities to house state inmates for whom no state prison beds are available. These facilities house an average of approximately 4,720 offenders each day.

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Reduce the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Subprogram by 10 Percent	(700,000)	0	0	(700,000)	(10.3)	Drug and alcohol treatment appropriations provide the following substance abuse services to inmates: (1) intake evaluation, assessment, and orientation; (2) self-help meetings; (3) facility-based education and treatment groups; (4) drug testing; (5) intensive treatment; and (6) community/parole services. Approximately 80.0 percent of all inmates incarcerated in DOC facilities are assessed as needing some level of substance abuse treatment.
Increase the Daily Rate Paid to Private Prisons, County Jails, and Other Facilities that House State Prisoners by 1 Percent	900,000	0	0	900,000	0.0	The Department of Corrections pays county jails, private prisons, and some community corrections facilities to house state inmates for whom no state prison beds are available. These facilities house an average of approximately 4,720 offenders each day.
Increase Funding for the Sex Offender Treatment Program by 1 Percent	300,000	0	0	300,000	0.0	Provides treatment for sex offenders in state run facilities.
Subtotal Corrections	(2,600,000)	0	0	(2,600,000)	(38.4)	
Education						
K-12 Education						
Eliminate or Reduce ASCENT Program	(1,200,000)	0	0	(1,200,000)	0.0	The Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) Program allows school districts to count and receive funding for students retained in high school for instruction beyond the senior year (5th year seniors). The objective of the program is to decrease the dropout rate, increase the percent of students who participate in higher education (particularly among low-income and traditionally underserved populations), and decrease the time required to complete a college degree. The program is subject to available appropriations.
Start Smart Nutrition Program	(700,000)	0	0	(700,000)	0.0	Senate Bill 07-59 created the Start Smart Nutrition Program to eliminate the amount paid by students participating in the federal School Breakfast Program who are eligible for reduced-price meals.
Increase Average Per Pupil Funding	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0.0	For FY 2012-13, the General Assembly maintained average per pupil revenue (PPR) at $6,474, equal to average PPR in FY 2011-12, by providing sufficient funds to cover the increased number of students in FY 2012-13. This would increase funding for PPR.
Add 100 "Slots" to the Colorado Preschool Program.	300,000	0	0	300,000	0.0	The Colorado Preschool Program provides funding for preschool services for at-risk 3 and 4 year olds. The number of "slots" for each year (with each slot representing half-day services for one child) is capped in statute at 20,160. The General Assembly could increase (or decrease) the number of slots.
Higher Education						
Reduce State-funded Need Based Grants and Work Study Combined by 1 Percent	(900,000)	0	0	(900,000)	0.0	State funded need-based grants and work study supplement federal, institutional, and private aid for low-income students.

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Eliminate National Guard Tuition Assistance	(800,000)	0	0	(800,000)	0.0	Provides tuition assistance to National Guard members.
Eliminate Veterans'/Law Enforcement/POW Tuition Assistance	(400,000)	0	0	(400,000)	0.0	Funds tuition for dependents of deceased or permanently disabled members of the military, law enforcement, or fire fighters.
Eliminate funding for the Cumbres and Toltec Railroad	(200,000)	0	0	(200,000)	0.0	The railroad crisscrosses the border with New Mexico and both states supplement the revenue earned from ticket sales as a form of economic development for the region, and to preserve a resource with historical value. Eliminating funding would transfer costs to some combination of New Mexico, local governments, and ticket/merchandise sales, or cause the railroad to shut down/scale back operations.
Increase Funding for State Colleges and Universities	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0.0	Provides state support for public in-state colleges and universities.
Increase State-funded Need Based Grants and Work Study Combined by 1 Percent	900,000	0	0	900,000	0.0	State funded need-based grants and work study supplement federal, institutional, and private aid for low-income students.
Increase Funding for COF Eligible Private Institutions by 10 Percent	100,000	0	0	100,000	0.0	Provides funding from the College Opportunity fund for participating non-profit private institutions (University of Denver, Regis University, and Colorado Christian University).
Subtotal Education	(900,000)	0	0	(900,000)	0.0	
Total	**(3,500,000)**	**0**	**0**	**(3,500,000)**	**(38.4)**	