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BILL 4

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force

SHORT TITLE: "Statewide Strategic Use Fund Evaluation"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO**
102 **USE A PORTION OF EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS TO CONDUCT AN**
103 **INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE**
104 **FUND.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force.
Authorizes the executive director of the department of human services, after consultation with the strategic allocation committee, to contract with a qualified, independent entity to perform an evidence-based evaluation

of the effectiveness of the statewide strategic use fund (SSUF) in meeting the objectives of the Colorado works program, as well as the effectiveness of the individual initiatives and programs supported by the SSUF. Allows the executive director to annually use up to 2% of the moneys annually allocated to the SSUF to contract for the evaluation.

Requires the executive director to include a copy of the most recent evaluation in his or her annual report to the general assembly on the SSUF.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 26-2-721.7 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **26-2-721.7. Colorado works statewide strategic use fund -**
5 **created - allocations - rules - evaluation - report.** (1) (c) THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY ANNUALLY USE UP TO TWO PERCENT OF THE
7 MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE
8 FUND TO CONTRACT, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6.5) OF THIS SECTION,
9 WITH A QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT ENTITY FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE
10 STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE FUND.

11 **SECTION 2.** 26-2-721.7 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
12 amended, and the said 26-2-721.7 is further amended BY THE
13 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

14 **26-2-721.7. Colorado works statewide strategic use fund -**
15 **created - allocations - rules - evaluation - report.** (6.5) THE
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT
17 ENTITY FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STATEWIDE
18 STRATEGIC USE FUND IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COLORADO
19 WORKS PROGRAM AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES
20 AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE FUND IN
21 ATTAINING THE GOALS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AS

1 WELL AS ANY OUTCOMES DEFINED BY THE STRATEGIC ALLOCATION
2 COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE
3 STRATEGIC ALLOCATION COMMITTEE BEFORE AWARDING THE EVALUATION
4 CONTRACT. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SELECT AN ENTITY THAT IS
5 QUALIFIED TO PERFORM AN EVIDENCE-BASED EVALUATION OF A SOCIAL
6 PROGRAM, AND THE ENTITY AWARDED THE EVALUATION CONTRACT SHALL
7 NOT HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE ENTITIES OR
8 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BENEFITTED FROM, OR MAY BENEFIT FROM,
9 ALLOCATIONS FROM THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC USE FUND.

10 (7) On or before February 15, 2009, and on or before February 15
11 each year thereafter, the executive director shall submit to the joint budget
12 committee and to the health and human services committees of the senate
13 and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, a report
14 concerning the programs and initiatives that received allocations from the
15 statewide strategic use fund in the preceding fiscal year, AND A COPY OF
16 THE MOST RECENT EVALUATION COMPLETED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
17 (6.5) OF THIS SECTION.

18 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.<{safety clause?}>

