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Bill Topic: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE CASH FUND FOR DOC

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue [ ] State Transfer [x] Local Government [ ]
State Expenditure [x] TABOR Refund [ ] Statutory Public Entity [ ]

Budget package bill. The bill transfers money to the newly created Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund in the Department of Corrections to increase broadband access in DOC facilities. Starting in FY 2024-25, the bill increases state expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill includes an appropriation of \$4.6 million to the Department of Corrections.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2024-25 budget package

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1386

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Cash Funds, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

1 The bill includes an appropriation of \$4.6 million in FY 2024-25. The fiscal note assumes this amount will be spent equally over three fiscal years, as detailed in Table 2. Actual expenditures will depend on project completion timelines. FY 2025-26 staff is assumed to require General Fund.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund within the Department of Corrections (DOC) to install broadband infrastructure at select DOC facilities and complexes, as outlined in Table 3. The bill transfers \$4.6 million to the fund and appropriates the funding to the DOC.

**State Transfers**

In FY 2024-25, the bill transfers \$4.6 million from the General Fund to the newly created Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund. On July 1, 2027, the bill transfers any unexpended funding in the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund to the General Fund.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases expenditures in the DOC by \$1.6 million in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, and \$1.5 million in FY 2026-27, primarily paid from the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund, with staffing costs in FY 2025-26 paid from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and discussed below.

**Table 2  
 Expenditures Under HB 24-1386**

	<b>FY 2024-255</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>
<b>Department of Corrections</b>			
Personal Services	\$66,787	\$74,280	-
Operating Expenses	\$935	\$1,039	-
Capital Outlay Costs	\$3,050	-	-
Broadband Infrastructure (See Table 3) <sup>1</sup>	\$1,494,220	\$1,494,220	\$1,494,220
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$17,308	\$19,239	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,582,301</b>	<b>\$1,588,778</b>	<b>\$1,494,220</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.9 FTE</b>	<b>1.0 FTE</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> The fiscal note shows equal spending of the \$4.5 million transfer for broadband infrastructure in each year. Actual expenditures will depend on project completion timelines and may vary from the amounts shown above.

<sup>2</sup> The appropriation clause for FY 2024-25 includes centrally appropriated costs in the appropriation.

**Department of Corrections.** DOC expenditures include hiring term-limited planning staff and installation of broadband infrastructure at facilities.

- **Staff.** From FY 2024-25 through FY 2025-26, the DOC requires 1.0 FTE to help design and plan the instillation of broadband infrastructure. Costs in FY 2024-25 are prorated for an August start date and paid from the Broadband Infrastructure Cash Fund. FY 2025-26 costs will be paid from the General Fund. The DOC also requires 1.0 FTE project manager to coordinate and lead the projects, which is currently included in the 2024 Long Bill.

