

WAIVER REQUEST -- September 5, 2018

FY 2018-19 Request to Waive the Six-Month Encumbrance Deadline Pursuant to Section 24-30-1404 (7), C.R.S.

Public Health and Environment
Laboratory Space Expansion and Equipment Purchase

MOTION Approve the waiver request for the FY 2018-19 appropriation authorized under House Bill 18-1006 for the Newborn Screening Program within the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (\$1,162,500 CF).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The project expands laboratory space and purchases equipment to accommodate expanded newborn screening for genetic and metabolic diseases. When an infant is born in Colorado, two blood samples are collected and forwarded to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The department tests for 37 rare genetic and metabolic conditions. HB 18-1006 directed CDPHE to expand newborn screening. CDPHE will engage with the State Board of Health and community stakeholders to identify additional testing, as required under House Bill 18-1006.

CDPHE plans to build out an additional 1,250 square feet of laboratory space and purchase additional equipment, including but not limited to a mass spectrometer, to address the additional testing requirements. It will not build out the laboratory or purchase equipment until it has identified what additional conditions will be added to the newborn screening.

The program is fee based.

REASON FOR WAIVER

The department requires additional time to complete its stakeholder engagement and rules process before it contracts for the build-out of new laboratory space and the purchase of equipment. This process is expected to take, at minimum, six months, which does not allow for enough time to solicit and contract for the project before the encumbrance deadline passes.

FY 2018-19 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT

Fund Source	Appropriation
CF	\$1,162,500
Total	\$1,162,500

STAFF QUESTIONS

All responses to staff questions were incorporated into the project write up.