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**DRAFT**

Rep. Brianna Titone  
Chair  
Joint Technology Committee  
State Capitol Building  
200 East Colfax Ave  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Chair Titone,

The Joint Budget Committee recently reviewed two large information technology requests from the Judicial Department. The Joint Budget Committee requests the Joint Technology Committee's assistance in reviewing these requests. Both requests are cash-funded for FY 2026-27. One is a capital request and the second is an ongoing operating request that will increase the Department's ongoing IT maintenance budget by over thirty percent.

**Courts and Probation ITCap 1 Judicial case management system:** The request includes the third year of one-time funding for IT capital costs for the Judicial Case Management System (CMS). Over the course of four years (FY 2024-25 through FY 2027-28), the Department seeks capital appropriations for this system totaling \$33.8 million, including \$11.0 million General Fund and \$22.8 million cash funds.<sup>1</sup> Of this amount, the General Assembly has already appropriated a \$15.3 million, including \$6.0 million General Fund. As of the end of FY 2024-25, the Department had spent \$2.9 million for information governance and business process mapping. In FY 2025-26, the Department is hiring an advisory vendor to assist the Department in completing the discovery phase of the project and creating all procurement documents to post the appropriate RFP(s). Following development of the initial RFP(s), posting, and procurement, the Department expects to begin implementation later in FY 2026-27. The request for FY 2026-27 is \$3,200,000 cash funds from the Judicial Information

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<sup>1</sup> The new system also adds to the Department's ongoing IT operating costs, primarily for annual subscription and hosting costs. In FY 2025-26, \$434,679 cash funds were added to the Department operating budget for the project, and this annualizes to \$5.5 million in FY 2025-27. The request indicates that in future years, annual operating costs associated with the new system are estimated to be approximately \$7.0 million cash funds per year.

Technology Cash Fund. The Department anticipates that in FY 2027-28, the final year of capital appropriations, it will request \$15,358,792, including \$5,000,000 General Fund and \$10,358,792 cash funds.

**Courts and Probation R6 Information technology infrastructure:** The request is to align annual operating spending authority with actual IT infrastructure expenditures for the courts and probation, including hardware replacement for personal computers, services, routers, switches, software and hardware maintenance and licenses, the voice and data network, efilings system, digital courts system, and case management system maintenance. The request includes an increase of \$6,753,750 cash funds from the Judicial Information Technology Cash Fund for FY 2026-27, which would increase to \$7,527,500 cash funds in FY 2027-28 and ongoing. This fund derives from Department-determined fees on electronic filings, network access and court database searches, and other information technology services. The request would build on the current base funding of \$24.1 million total funds (almost all from the Judicial IT Cash Fund), to support the Department's IT infrastructure.

Pursuant to Section 2-3-1704 (11), C.R.S., and joint rule 45 of the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives, we request that the Joint Technology Committee provide input and recommendations on these two requests to us no later than February 15, 2026.

Sincerely,

Representative Emily Sirota, Chair