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Colorado Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

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Colorado House of Representatives State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

Colorado State Capitol
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Denver, CO 80203

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RE: Colorado Department of Public Safety's report pursuant to Section 24-76.5-103(9), C.R.S.

Dear Senator Scott and Representative Ryden,

Please accept this letter as the Colorado Department of Public Safety's report pursuant to Section 24-76.5-103(9), C.R.S. for FY 2015. Referenced below for each division of the Colorado Department of Public Safety are the duties and responsibilities relative to this statute. The Department has not submitted a report pursuant to this statute since 2008 based on guidance issued by the Governor's Office in September of 2008 that CDPS does not provide "public benefits" as defined by statute. However, CDPS has undergone significant structural changes since this statute took effect and this report reflects the current activities of the agency.

Colorado State Patrol

The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) does not provide "federal, state, or local public benefits" as defined by Section 24-76.5-103(9), C.R.S. The CSP's Immigration Enforcement Unit has regular law enforcement contacts with persons who are not lawfully present in the United States under the provisions of the 287(g) agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Colorado Bureau of Investigation

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) does not provide "federal, state, or local public benefits."

Division of Criminal Justice

The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) is responsible for the distribution of funds to a number of local, state, and private entities through contracts and grants. Each grant award contains language requiring the recipient to verify, under penalty of perjury, that the recipient is lawfully present in the United States. The DCJ also distributes funding through contracts to community corrections providers throughout the state, and verification of lawful presence is a prerequisite for the recipient to receive funding. Some direct services funds are distributed through DCJ to crime victims and law enforcement agencies. These monies are either exempt under Section 24-76.5-103(3), C.R.S. or do not fall within the definition of "public benefit."

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management does not provide "federal, state, or local public benefits" under the definitions in statute. The DHSEM provides short-term emergency relief to individuals, which is exempt under the current law.

Division of Fire Prevention and Control

The Division of Fire Prevention and Control administered the permit process for various programs related to its fire suppression authority, as shown on the following page:



- Sprinkler Fitters: The DFPC verified identification documents and received affidavits of lawful presence for 81 out of 90 applications. The Principal of each corporation or LLC that submitted affidavits of lawful presence were approved by DFPC.
- Suppression Contractors: The DFPC verified identification documents and received affidavits of lawful presence for 46 out of 47 applications. The Principal of each corporation or LLC that submitted affidavits of lawful presence were approved by DFPC.
- Underground Contractors: The DFPC verified identification documents and received affidavits of lawful presence for 68 out of 69 applications. The Principal of each corporation or LLC that submitted affidavits of lawful presence were approved by DFPC.
- Backflow Contractors: The DFPC verified identification documents and received affidavits of lawful presence for 46 out of 47 applications. The Principal of each corporation or LLC that submitted affidavits of lawful presence were approved by DFPC.

Please do not hesitate to contact CDPS Legislative Liaison Jana Locke at (303) 239-4449 or jana.locke@state.co.us if you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,



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