

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

May 4, 2018  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB18-276 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2           **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general  
3 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

4           (a) The general fund reserve helps ensure that there are sufficient  
5 general fund revenues for state agencies to spend the general assembly's  
6 appropriations, which are based on revenue estimates that are often  
7 incorrect;

8           (b) Maintaining an ample reserve would also allow the state to  
9 continue providing critical services even when there is an economic  
10 downturn or a natural disaster;

11           (c) A recent report prepared by Moody Analytics estimates that  
12 the state would need a reserve of approximately fifteen percent to endure  
13 even a moderate recession;

14           (d) In his budget request for the fiscal year 2018-19, Governor  
15 John Hickenlooper requested that the general assembly increase the  
16 reserve to ten percent of general fund expenditures; and

17           (e) The state's current general fund reserve, which is only six and  
18 one-half percent of general fund expenditures, is simply inadequate.

19           (2) Now, therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to  
20 increase the general fund reserve three-quarters of a percent as an  
21 incremental improvement towards a truly sufficient general fund  
22 reserve."

- 1 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 2 Page 2, line 17, strike " \_\_\_\_ " and substitute "SEVEN AND TWENTY-FIVE
- 3 ONE-HUNDREDTHS".

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