



State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Duran
With support of: Representative McLachlan

Re: Request for Interim Study Committee Regarding Attainable Housing and Homelessness Prevention

Date: 04/14/2017

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study housing and homelessness issues during the interim between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Study Committee on Attainable Housing and Homelessness Prevention".

The policy issues to be studied are:

- the availability of and demand for attainable housing throughout the state, including the causes of rising home prices and apartment rents;
- approaches to increase the supply of attainable housing, including addressing the needs of urban, rural, and suburban areas;
- approaches to support the preservation of existing attainable housing, including manufactured housing communities;
- ways to encourage repurposing of existing buildings to provide attainable housing;
- approaches to help middle- and low-income individuals attain or retain home ownership;
- reforms in state landlord/tenant laws that could help prevent renters from becoming homeless; and
- proposals to provide assistance for a low-income tenant to avoid eviction where possible and consistent with the obligations of his or her rental agreements.

The interim study committee would need to meet five times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of ten members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- five members of the Senate, with three appointed by the President of the Senate and two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

- five members of the House of Representatives, with three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair will be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the vice-chair will be appointed by the President of the Senate.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2017.

The interim study committee will need five bills to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Division of Housing in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.