



State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Landgraf
With support of: Representatives Ardnt, Becker J., Buckner, Coleman, Covarrubias, Ginal, Hooton, Kennedy, Lawrence, Liston, Lontine, McKean, McLachlan, Nordberg, Pettersen, Sias, Singer, Thurlow, and Van Winkle

Re: Request for Interim Study Committee Regarding Policies to Improve Access to Disability Support Programs

Date: 04/14/17

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study policies to improve access to disability support programs during the interim between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Study Committee on Access to Disability Support Programs".

The policy issues to be studied are:

- maximizing administrative efficiency of disability support programs by ensuring that applicants who meet eligibility requirements for multiple programs are assessed without duplicative verification;
- encouraging proactive screening of individuals who may be eligible for disability support programs, such as Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND), Social Security Income (SSI), and Property Tax/Rent/Heat Credit Rebate (PTC);
- reducing the state's fiscal burden by ensuring the availability of SSI application assistance; and
- reducing inefficiencies in the AND application process.

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

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

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

- three members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one 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 Colorado Department of Human Services may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.