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State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Lewis

Re: Request for interim committee regarding the Historic Preservation Multiple Property Documenting Form.

Date: April 13, 2018

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study Historic Preservation Multiple Property forms. The interim study committee would be named the "Historic Preservation Requirements Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied include whether written consent by a landowner should be required before his or her land is included within the boundaries of a Multiple Property Documentation Form. The National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form nominates groups of related significant properties. On it, the themes, trends, and patterns of history shared by the properties are organized into historic contexts and the property types that represent those historic contexts are defined. The form is a cover document and not a nomination in its own right, but serves as a basis for evaluating the National Register eligibility of related properties. It may be used to nominate and register thematically related historic properties simultaneously or to establish the registration requirements for properties that may be nominated in the future. Policies should be enacted to ensure that property owners must provide written consent to be included on the form.

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

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

- four members of the Senate, with two appointed by the President of the Senate and two appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and
- four members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair of the interim study committee will be the appointee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the vice-chair will be the appointee of the President of the Senate.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2018.

Three nonlegislative members will assist the interim study committee in providing information about the Multiple Property Documentation Form and the nomination process for lands to be included in a Multiple Property Documentation Form. Nonlegislative members shall not be permitted to vote on any matter; rather, the nonlegislative members shall use their expertise to inform the interim study committee in its deliberations. The nonlegislative members of the interim study committee shall include three people representing landowners whose properties have been included in a Multiple Property Documentation Form and would explain why their properties were included. The three people will be appointed by the chair of the committee with assistance from the Colorado Historical Society.

The interim study committee may require, at most, one bill to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Colorado Historical Society and the National Park Service may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.