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State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Senator Fenberg
With support of: Senators Court, Kagan, Kerr, Merrifield, Moreno, Todd, and Williams; and Representatives Danielson, Hansen, Hooton, Kennedy, Lee, Pettersen, Salazar, and Weissman

Re: Request for interim study committee regarding election integrity and security issues

Date: 4/13/2018

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study election integrity and security issues during the interim between the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the Election Security Interim Study Committee Interim Study Committee.

The policy issues to be studied are:

- hacking, cybersecurity, and related vulnerabilities in our election system;
- foreign government interference in elections and the democratic process in Colorado;
- illegal or inappropriate use of personal information (data breaches, etc.) in Colorado elections; and
- enforcement and investigative deficiencies in Colorado's current election security and integrity apparatus, as related to the above topics.

The interim study committee would need to meet four 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 one appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- three members of the House of Representatives, with one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair and vice-chair will be appointed or elected as follows: The President of the Senate will appoint the chair, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint the vice-chair.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2018.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

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

The Secretary of State's Office and the Governor's Office may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

The interim study committee would not need to conduct meetings outside of the Denver metropolitan area.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.