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***This letter reflects the authorization for the committee as approved by Legislative Council at its meeting on April 25, 2019.***

**To:** Legislative Council  
**Requested by:** Senator Zenzinger  
**Re:** Request for interim study committee regarding Higher Education Costs and Affordability  
**Date:** 4/25/2019

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study higher education costs and affordability during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- the high costs of higher education;
- college tuition rate setting;
- roadblocks to obtaining postsecondary education; and
- risks and rewards of postsecondary education.

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 President of the Senate will appoint the chair and the Speaker of the House will appoint the vice-chair.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2019.

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 three bills to address the issues it studies.

The interim study committee is authorized to travel outside of the Denver metropolitan area to study the issues in the committee's charge.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.