



## *State of Colorado*

### **LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE**

**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Herod  
**With support of:** Representative(s) Garnett and Weissman.

**Re:** Request for interim study committee regarding prison population management

**Date:** 4/5/2019

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study prison population management during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Prison Population Management Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- strategies to safely reduce the prison population and decrease recidivism; and
- monitoring prison population reform legislation passed by the General Assembly.

The interim study committee would need to meet 15 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 majority leader 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 majority leader of the House of Representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

Nonlegislative members will have a role in the interim study committee. The purpose of including nonlegislative members is to ensure that the policies are being developed and vetted by a diverse group of stakeholders. The role of the nonlegislative members will be to provide information, data, and suggestions regarding potential legislation. The interim study committee will include nine representatives from key state agencies and other entities appointed by the House Majority Leader by June 1, 2019, including:

- the Judicial Branch;
- the Department of Public Safety;
- the Department of Corrections;
- the State Board of Parole
- the Colorado District Attorneys Council;

- defense attorneys;
- an organization representing crime victims,
- an organization advocating for criminal justice reform; and
- the Office of Behavioral Health within the Department of Human Services.

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

**Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request**

The Judicial Branch, Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, and the State Board of Parole may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.