



State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Kennedy
With support of: Representative McKean.

Re: Request for interim study committee to study competition in Colorado's health care markets

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 competition in Colorado's health care markets during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Health Care Market Competition Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- relationships among hospitals, providers, and insurance carriers in different parts of the state, including the impacts of:
 - insurance adequacy requirements;
 - mergers and acquisitions; and
 - managed care models;
- the division of the state into regions for the individual and small group health insurance markets;
- provider shortages in rural and frontier counties, including primary care and behavioral health care providers; and
- disparate health outcomes among regions and demographic groups.

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

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

- five members of the Senate, with three appointed by the President of the Senate, and two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- five members of the House of Representatives, with three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair will be appointed by the Speaker and the vice-chair will be appointed by the President.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2019.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee; however, the study committee may convene subcommittees that include nonlegislative members to discuss specific topics in greater detail.

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

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Department of Public Health and Environment, and Department of Law may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

It is worth noting that there is some overlap between this request and Senate Bill 19-015. If the bill passes, this committee may not be necessary. If the bill does not pass, I may be interested in adding a travel component to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.