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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

**American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee**

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**BILL TOPIC:** American Indian Affairs Interim Committee

**DEADLINES:** File by:

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
102 **INTERIM COMMITTEE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee.** The bill creates the American Indian affairs interim committee (committee). The purpose of the committee is to examine issues and challenges that impact American Indian Tribal Nations.

The committee consists of 6 members of the general assembly who serve for the duration of the committee unless they resign, are removed,

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

or are no longer in office.

The bill allows the committee to meet up to 6 times and recommend up to 5 bills during each interim.

On or before January 15, 2030, the bill requires the committee to submit a report to the executive committee of the legislative council summarizing the work of the committee during the preceding 5 years.

The committee is repealed, effective June 30, 2030.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 21 to article  
3 of title 2 as follows:

4 PART 21

5 AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

6 **2-3-2101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
7 FINDS THAT:

8 (a) HISTORICAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA CONTINUES TO  
9 IMPACT AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES. WITHOUT ACTION TO ADDRESS  
10 THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES AMERICAN INDIANS FACE, THE CYCLE OF  
11 POVERTY, INADEQUATE SUPPORT, AND LACK OF RESOURCES WILL PERSIST.

12 (b) COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND RESPECT ARE  
13 CRITICAL TO SUPPORT AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS AND CREATE  
14 POSITIVE, LASTING, AND IMPACTFUL CHANGE;

15 (c) FROM THE WORK OF THE 2024 AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS  
16 INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE, MORE WORK IS CLEARLY NEEDED TO BETTER  
17 SUPPORT AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES  
18 IN COLORADO;

19 (d) CREATING THE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM  
20 COMMITTEE ALLOWS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS  
21 AND COLLABORATION WITH THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE INDIAN TRIBE,  
22 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN INDIAN PEOPLE

1 AND THEIR COMMUNITIES IN COLORADO IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE  
2 CHALLENGES AND ISSUES THEY FACE; AND

3 (e) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING  
4 STRONGER AND MORE MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE AMERICAN  
5 INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES IN COLORADO.

6 (2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE  
7 CONTINUATION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE  
8 IS CRITICAL TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND ADDRESS THE UNIQUE  
9 CHALLENGES AND NEEDS THAT AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS AND  
10 THEIR COMMUNITIES FACE.

11 **2-3-2102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 21, UNLESS THE  
12 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

13 (1) "AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS" MEANS THE SOUTHERN  
14 UTE TRIBE, THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE, AND ANY OTHER FEDERALLY  
15 RECOGNIZED TRIBE.

16 (2) "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM  
17 COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 2-3-2103.

18 **2-3-2103. American Indian affairs interim committee -  
19 creation - duties - membership - reporting - repeal.**

20 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2-3-303.3, THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
21 AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE IS CREATED.

22 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO EXAMINE ISSUES AND  
23 CHALLENGES THAT IMPACT THE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS.

24 (3) (a) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE  
25 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO WERE APPOINTED TO THE 2024 AMERICAN  
26 INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

27 (I) THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, THE ONE MEMBER APPOINTED

1 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE  
2 MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, AND THE ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY  
3 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND

4 (II) THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
5 ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES, THE ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY  
7 LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE ONE MEMBER  
8 APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES.

10 (b) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
11 APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND  
12 THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. THE  
13 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE  
14 IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN  
15 ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

16 (4) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE SERVE FOR THE  
17 DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE UNLESS AN APPOINTED MEMBER RESIGNS,  
18 IS REMOVED, OR IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE. THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
19 SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. MEMBERS SERVE AT  
20 THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND CONTINUE UNTIL A  
21 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

22 (5) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE WITHOUT  
23 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO  
24 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
25 PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBER'S DUTIES AND RECEIVES THE SAME PER  
26 DIEM AS OTHER MEMBERS OF INTERIM COMMITTEES IN ATTENDANCE AT  
27 MEETINGS.

1           (6) (a) THE COMMITTEE MAY MEET UP TO SIX TIMES PER INTERIM,  
2 WHICH MAY INCLUDE FIELD TRIPS.

3           (b) THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SCHEDULE THE FIRST  
4 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR NO LATER THAN JULY 31 OF EACH YEAR.

5           (7) THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND UP TO A TOTAL OF FIVE  
6 BILLS DURING EACH INTERIM. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE  
7 COMMITTEE MUST BE TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN  
8 INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE DEADLINES, BILL  
9 INTRODUCTION LIMITS, AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE  
10 JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

11           (8) THE COMMITTEE SHALL SEEK PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS  
12 FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN  
13 INDIAN TRIBAL NATIONS, RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES, AND IMPACTED  
14 COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

15           (9) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2030, THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
16 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
17 COUNCIL SUMMARIZING THE ISSUES AND TOPICS DISCUSSED,  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED, AND ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE  
19 COMMITTEE DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS. THE INFORMATION  
20 CONTAINED IN THE REPORT MUST BE ORGANIZED BY INTERIM YEAR. THE  
21 REPORT MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136 (9).

22           (10) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE  
23 LEGAL SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

24           (11) THIS PART 21 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2030.

25           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.