



## *State of Colorado*

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

**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Beckman  
**With support of:** Representative Singer

**Re:** Request for Interim Study Committee Regarding Finding Efficiencies in State Government

**Date:** 04/14/2017

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

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study finding efficiencies in state government during the interim between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Committee to Find Efficiencies in State Government."

The committee will evaluate and make recommendations regarding efficiencies in state government. At a minimum, the committee will examine:

- Medicaid funds; and
- public assistance programs, such as temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), child welfare, and senior services provided in a state-supervised, county-managed structure. The committee shall, in collaboration with counties, examine whether any possible streamlining of the state structure is possible and determine if budget efficiencies can be found.

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

The interim study committee should consist of seven 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.

- four members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

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

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2017.

The executive directors of executive branch departments, or their designees, should be engaged in the deliberations of the committee as a resource to advise the interim study committee, but not be members of the committee or vote on matters before the interim study committee. Specifically, the following individuals, or their designees, need to have a role on the interim study committee to discuss the scope of policy issues described above:

- executive director of the Department of Human Services;
- executive director of the Department of Public Health and Environment; and
- executive director of the Department of Public Health Care Policy and Financing.

A task force is necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above. The task force will be comprised of ten bipartisan county commissioners, appointed by Colorado Counties, Inc.

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

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

The following executive branch departments may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee: Department of Human Services; Department of Public Health and Environment; and Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

| Thank you for your consideration of this request.