



## Concerning the Modernization of Improvements to State Record Processes

### **Background:**

Colorado State Archives within the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) exists to ensure the preservation of the State's permanent legal records and information and to promote their use by the citizens of Colorado. They are the legal repository for selected historical and contemporary records and information generated by state and local governments in Colorado.

Under current law, Colorado State Archives is required to rely on outdated technology and redundant measures in order to preserve and publish important records. The revisions proposed by DPA will help the State continue to adapt to modern technology, streamline processes, eliminate confusion, and provide more flexibility for customers.

### **Summary of Proposal:**

In order to modernize the practice of preserving and producing State records and publications, DPA is proposing the revision of C.R.S. § 24-80-107, and the Information Coordination Act (C.R.S. § 24-1-136).

By revising C.R.S. § 24-80-107 to update and allow for disaster recovery copies of records to also be produced using digital scanning, rather than only photograph, micrograph, or film, Colorado State Archives will be better equipped to modernize record keeping, and rely on new technology to preserve copies of important records.

Additionally, by making revisions to the Information Coordination Act (C.R.S. § 24-1-136) to modernize and simplify requirements for State Departments related to publications, the State will be able to reduce waste and continue to make those publications easily available to the public in our modern world.

### **Opportunity:**

Under current law, disaster recovery copies of government records are to be produced only using outdated technology, such as film. In practice, most public entities have already transitioned into creating and storing digital copies of records. Revising current state law will allow greater efficiency and standardization, as well as assist State Archives in preparing for a future with more and more "born-digital" records.

Concurrently, eliminating the requirement that State Archives receive copies of State publications will eliminate confusion and allow both the State Library and State Archives to better serve their customers.