

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT
Committee on Judiciary.

HB22-1082 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
3 assembly hereby finds, declares, and determines that:

4 (a) According to the report issued by the affordable housing
5 transformational task force released in January 2022, an estimated
6 315,000 households in Colorado spend more than fifty percent of their
7 income on housing costs. The report also found that there are 162,557
8 households in the state that are considered to be extremely low income,
9 but only 48,767 housing units that are affordable and available to these
10 families.

11 (b) There is fewer than one legal aid attorney available for every
12 30,000 Coloradans experiencing poverty;

13 (c) This lack of legal assistance leaves Coloradans vulnerable to
14 abuses as they struggle to find stable and affordable housing;

15 (d) Even when a Coloradan is able to obtain relief, such
16 individualized relief often does not lead to systemic change or assist
17 another person similarly situated; and

18 (e) Without safe and stable housing, Coloradans struggle to
19 maintain employment, education outcomes suffer, and community support
20 is lost.

21 (2) By empowering the Colorado attorney general to enforce
22 critical housing laws, the attorney general will be able to provide
23 systematic protections for residents and provide system-wide support for
24 residents and businesses.".

25 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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