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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1029**

101      **CONCERNING INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF THE**  
102            **"COLORADO FALSE CLAIMS ACT".**

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1            WHEREAS, Credible evidence exists that whistleblowers,  
2 witnesses, and public officials within Colorado state and local  
3 governments are being systematically intimidated and retaliated against  
4 through the misuse of public resources and the select prosecution or  
5 nonprosecution of the wrongdoers involved; and

6            WHEREAS, Examples of the systematic misconduct involved  
7 include patterns of alleged corruption within the Colorado judicial  
8 branch, alleged interference with the 2024 presidential election, publicly  
9 funded self-investigations of various incidents of alleged official  
10 misconduct, nondisclosure and hush money agreements valued at over \$4  
11 million negotiated between the Colorado Office of the Attorney General

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1 and other state agencies and public officials, and the allegedly invalid  
2 approval of an urban renewal authority estimated to divert \$155 million  
3 of tax revenues over 25 years; and

4 WHEREAS, These circumstances present probable cause and a  
5 reasonable basis to suspect violations of both Colorado and federal law;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Under the "Colorado False Claims Act", a person is  
8 liable to the state or a political subdivision of the state if the person  
9 submits certain fraudulent claims to the state or political subdivision, and  
10 the Attorney General or a private person may bring a civil action against  
11 a person who made the fraudulent claim; and

12 WHEREAS, Because of conflicts of interests, the Colorado  
13 Attorney General and the entire Colorado Department of Law are unable  
14 to impartially enforce the "Colorado False Claims Act"; and

15 WHEREAS, Twenty-two other states and the District of Columbia  
16 have their own equivalent civil false claims acts, including California,  
17 Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,  
18 Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New  
19 Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee,  
20 and Vermont; and

21 WHEREAS, The Denver office and Wyoming office of the United  
22 States Department of Justice also have conflicts of interest related to  
23 individuals involved in the alleged public corruption, and those conflicts  
24 impede impartial investigations of the factual circumstances; now,  
25 therefore,

26 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*  
27 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

28 That we, the members of the General Assembly:

29 (1) Shall submit a formal request to the United States Department  
30 of Justice to assign an office other than the Denver or Wyoming offices  
31 to complete a conflict-free investigation of the alleged public corruption  
32 within Colorado state and local governments;

33 (2) Pursuant to section 24-31-111 (5), shall designate and appoint

1 another state's attorney general from one of the other states or the District  
2 of Columbia with equivalent civil false claims acts as a Special Assistant  
3 Attorney General charged with investigating and representing the State  
4 of Colorado's interests in the alleged violation of the "Colorado False  
5 Claims Act" and other laws, which representation must be paid for  
6 through money already appropriated to the Colorado Department of Law;  
7 and

8 (3) In accordance with Joint Rule 41, shall request that the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate  
10 appoint a joint select committee comprised of members of both chambers  
11 to implement and effectuate this resolution.

12 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be  
13 sent to Governor Jared Polis and the United States Attorney General.