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LLS NO. 21-0160.01 Esther van Mourik x4215

**HOUSE BILL 21-1126**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT'S AUTHORITY TO**  
102                    **EXECUTE LEASES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE FOR PRIVATELY**  
103                    **OWNED PROPERTY.**

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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>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** House Bill 14-1387, enacted in 2014, inadvertently removed, through the use of the definition of "real property", the authority of the department of personnel (department) to negotiate and execute leases for state use of privately owned property, including land, office space, buildings, and special use interests. This

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eliminated a decades-old policy for the department to serve as the central authority to assist state agencies and state institutions of higher education to lease needed office space and other property interests. The department has been operating under custom and practice to keep negotiating and executing such leases since House Bill 14-1387 was enacted.

The bill officially reinstates this authority to the office of the state architect in the department, which houses the real estate program. The real estate program is the program responsible for centralized leasing.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-1303, **add**  
3 (1)(a.5) as follows:

4           **24-30-1303. Office of the state architect - responsibilities.**

5 (1) The office of the state architect shall:

6           (a.5) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-30-1301 (15)(a), WITH THE  
7 APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE LEASES ON  
8 BEHALF OF THE STATE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY, INCLUDING  
9 LAND, OFFICE SPACE, BUILDINGS, AND SPECIAL USE INTERESTS;

10           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.