

## House Democrats Caucus Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024 at 9:00am

*Location: Colorado Education Association, 1500 Grant Street, 4th floor*

**Attendance:** Members of the House Democratic Caucus and House Majority staff

### **Minutes:**

- 9:13AM: The caucus chairs brought the meeting to order.
- 9:14AM: Speaker McCluskie discussed the volume of bills in the system and reminded members about best practices in stakeholding.
- 9:15AM: Majority Leader Duran reviewed the day's floor calendar.
- 9:18AM: Asst. Maj. Leader Bacon reviewed the process for chairing the COW.
- 9:22AM: Reps. Sirota and Bird provided a preview of the Long Bill process and current business of the Joint Budget Committee. There was discussion about the expiration of federal funding and other budgetary constraints.
  - 9:31AM: Assistant Majority Leader Bacon inquired about resources to review the Governor's budget priorities and status of ARPA programs.
  - Members discussed the constraints on the marijuana cash tax fund.
  - 9:39AM: Members discussed fiscal scenarios and the Long Bill process.
  - 9:44AM: Members discussed reconciling legislative priorities in the budget.
- 9:49AM: Karlin Gray provided an overview of the sunset and advisory committee review process as outlined in statute, as well as some operational matters as it pertains to committees of reference.