

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Lindsay
With support of: Representatives Bird, Brown, Froelich, Hamrick, Hernandez, Lieder, Lindstedt, Martinez, Marvin, Mauro, McCormick, Parenti, Rutinel, Snyder, Story, Vigil, Willford and Young and Senators Bridges, Cutter, Danielson, Fields, Jaquez Lewis, Michaelson Jenet, and Will

Re: Request for Interim Study Committee Regarding Public Benefits Eligibility Systems: Costs, Risks, and Interoperability

Date: 4/12/2024

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study Public Benefits Eligibility Systems: Costs, Risks, and Interoperability during the interim between the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the “Public Benefits Eligibility Systems Interim Study Committee.”

The policy issues to be studied are:

- 1) Functioning of the Colorado Benefits Management System, including eligibility processing accuracy, ease of use by state and county staff, programmability, and interoperability with other state systems;
- 2) Ongoing costs to the state (whether state staff or contractor-related) including but not limited to maintaining, programming, and updating the system to reflect state and federal changes; for onboarding and training county and state workers; for staff time spend identifying and addressing IT-related churn off and on public programs;
- 3) Comparable system costs and functioning in other states; and
- 4) Impacts on Coloradans' health and economic status and psychological wellbeing of system errors.

The interim study committee would need to meet 4 times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of 6 members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- 3 members of the Senate, with 2 appointed by the President of the Senate and 1 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- 3 members of the House of Representatives, with 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 1 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The interim study committee will need 5 bills to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and the Office of Information Technology may be called upon to provide assistance of information to the interim study committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.