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**TO:** Members of the Legalized Marijuana Cost-Benefit Analysis Interim Study Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Committee Charge and Membership

**Summary**

This memorandum provides the following information regarding the Legalized Marijuana Cost-Benefit Analysis Interim Study Committee:

- the origin and charge of the committee;
- committee membership;
- meeting dates;
- deadlines and requirements for draft legislation; and
- committee staff.

**Committee Charge**

The committee was created pursuant to Interim Committee Letter 2016-01. The committee is charged with studying the following policy issues:

- the total government and societal costs and benefits associated with the legalization of marijuana in Colorado; and
- any gaps that exist in the information that is being collected regarding the legalization of marijuana in Colorado or the additional need for studying specific issues related to the legalization of marijuana in Colorado.

## Committee Membership

In total, there are six legislative members on the committee: three members from the House of Representatives and three members from the Senate. The Speaker of the House appointed two members, including the committee chair, and the President of the Senate appointed two members, including the committee vice-chair. The minority leaders in each chamber appointed one member. The six legislators appointed to the committee are:

### Representatives

*Representative Dan Pabon, Chair*  
*Representative Jonathan Singer*  
*Representative Yeulin Willett*

### Senators

*Senator Randy Baumgardner, Vice-chair*  
*Senator Irene Aguilar*  
*Senator Chris Holbert*

Non-legislative members will not be appointed to the committee, but individuals are encouraged to provide information, testify, and work with the committee.

## Meeting Dates

The committee has been approved to meet up to three times during the 2016 interim. The committee's first two meetings will take place on Wednesday, July 20, and Wednesday, August 17.

## Committee Bill Recommendations to Legislative Council

**Bill requests.** The committee may recommend up to **five bills** to the Legislative Council Committee. Bills must be requested and approved at public meetings of the committee. All bill requests must be approved by a majority of the committee members. The meeting to request bill drafts must be held by **September 1, 2016**. Committee members must submit drafting information to the Office of Legislative Legal Services bill drafter within **three calendar days** of the meeting at which bills were requested.

**Bill drafting deadlines.** There must be at least 35 days between the meeting at which legislation is requested and the meeting at which it is approved. Within that 35 day period, bill drafts must be finalized at least **14 days** prior to the meeting at which they are approved in order for fiscal notes to be prepared. The meeting at which the committee approves any draft legislation must be held no later than **October 6, 2016**. Bill drafts and fiscal notes will be sent to the committee three days prior to the meeting at which the bills will be approved.

**Legislative Council review.** The Legislative Council will meet on **October 14, 2016**, to approve interim committee draft legislation. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session.<sup>1</sup> Bills not approved by the Legislative Council may be introduced during the regular session, but such bills would count against a member's five bill limit. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to approval by the Legislative Council.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(D).

<sup>2</sup>Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(E).

## Committee Staff

Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information concerning the committee, please send an e-mail to [AnalysisMarijuana.ga@state.co.us](mailto:AnalysisMarijuana.ga@state.co.us). You may also contact any of the following individual committee staff members:

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Additionally, the following Office of Legislative Legal Services staff will be assisting the committee:

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