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## Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of the Higher Education Attainable Interim Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Committee Charge

### Summary

This memorandum describes the Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Committee's (committee) membership, charge, bill limits, and bill deadlines.

### Committee Membership

The committee is a six-member legislative committee that is authorized to meet over the 2019 legislative interim. Committee members are appointed by members of legislative leadership as follows:

- two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, one of who is appointed chair;
- one Senator appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- two Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is appointed vice-chair; and
- one Representative appointed by the House Minority Leader.

Membership is outlined in the table below.

**Table 1**  
**2019 Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee**

Sen. Tammy Story, Chair	Rep. Barbara McLachlan, Vice-Chair
Sen. Owen Hill	Rep. Mark Baisley
Sen. Rachel Zenzinger	Rep. Cathy Kipp

## Committee Charge

The committee may meet five times during the 2019 legislative interim to study the following policy issues:

- the high costs of higher education;
- college tuition rate setting;
- roadblocks to obtaining postsecondary education; and
- risks and rewards of postsecondary education.

The committee is also authorized to travel outside of the Denver metropolitan area to better address the issues it studies.

Table 2 identifies the meetings and field trips that have been selected by the chair of the committee. Agendas for committee meetings will be posted on the committee’s website at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.

**Table 2**  
**Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee Meetings and Field Trips**

Regular Committee Meetings*		
Date	Location	Time
Monday, July 22	State Capitol Building – SCR 352	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, August 26	State Capitol Building – SCR 352	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27	State Capitol Building – SCR 352	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Monday, September 23 <i>Last day to request draft legislation</i>	State Capitol Building – SCR 352	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4 <i>Last day to act on draft legislation</i>	State Capitol Building – SCR 352	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2019 Committee Field Trips		
Date	Location	
Tuesday, August 27 <i>(After a brief meeting)</i>	Denver Metro Area Tour	
Monday, September 16 through Tuesday, September 17	Western Slope and Rural Area Tour	

\*The above schedule may change at the discretion of the chair.

## Committee Recommendations to the Legislative Council

**Bill limits.** The committee may recommend three bills to the Legislative Council. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session. Bills not approved by the Legislative Council may be introduced in the regular session, but such bills will count against a member's five-bill limit. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to consideration by the Legislative Council.

**Requirements for bill drafts.** The Executive Committee of the Legislative Council's guidelines for interim committees require that at least a majority of the committee membership approve a bill in concept prior to requesting a bill draft. Requests for draft bills must occur during a single committee meeting set for requesting legislation, no later than *September 23, 2019*. Committee members must make drafting information available at the meeting at which the members request bills or must submit such information to the bill drafter within three calendar days after the meeting. Failure to submit the drafting information prior to the three-day deadline will be deemed as a withdrawal of the bill request. The final meeting to consider and take final action on bill drafts must occur no later than *November 4, 2019*.