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RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Economic Relief and Recovery Task Force

August 26, 2021

WHEREAS, in March of 2021, the federal government enacted the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (federal act) to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and to assist them in their efforts to contain the effects of COVID-19 on their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 21-291, which directs the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council to, by resolution, create a task force to meet during the 2021 interim; and

WHEREAS, the task force must issue a report with recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on policies that use money from the state Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to provide a stimulative effect to the state's economy, necessary relief for Coloradans, or that address emerging economic disparities resulting from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 21-291 permits the task force to include nonlegislative members and have working groups created to assist them; now, therefore

Be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 24-75-228, Colorado Revised Statutes, there is hereby created the Task Force on Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund (Task Force), to issue a report with recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on policies that use money

from the fund to provide a stimulative effect to the state's economy, necessary relief for Coloradans, or that address emerging economic disparities resulting from the pandemic. The Task Force consists of eight members appointed no later than September 8, 2021, as follows:

- (a) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President;
 - (b) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
 - (c) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (d) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the House Minority Leader;
 - (e) The Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, or their designee; and
 - (f) The Executive Director of the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, or their designee.
- (2) That the President of the Senate shall appoint the Task Force Chair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the Task Force Vice-Chair.
- (3) That the Task Force shall meet up to four times during the 2021 legislative interim.
- (4) That the legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for expenses and shall receive per diem payment for attendance at meetings of the Task Force.
- (5) That if nonlegislative members of the Task Force are not eligible for reimbursement from any other source, that the General Assembly will reimburse nonlegislative members of the Task Force for reasonable expenses related to their service on the Task Force. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force are not eligible for per diem.
- (6) That the Task Force shall approve the final report of the Task Force by a majority vote of all members of the Task Force.
- (7) That the Legislative Council Staff shall provide staff support for the Task Force.
- (8) That, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 24-75-228, Colorado Revised Statutes, there is hereby created the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund Subpanel ("Subpanel") to assist the Task Force to meet during the 2021 legislative interim to make recommendations to the Task Force on policies that use money from the fund to provide a stimulative effect to the state's Economy, necessary relief for Coloradans, or that address emerging economic disparities resulting from the pandemic. The Subpanel consists of five members appointed no later than September 15, 2021, as follows:
- (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly appoint two economists;
 - (b) The Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader shall jointly appoint one economist;
 - (c) The Governor shall appoint one economist; and

- (d) One economist shall be appointed from the Office of Economic Development and International Trade.
- (9) That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the Subpanel Chair and the President of the Senate shall appoint the Subpanel Vice-Chair.
- (10) That the Subpanel shall hold up to four public meetings during the 2021 legislative interim.
- (11) That the Subpanel shall analyze and synthesize data on the current state of the state's economy, identifying ongoing challenges with the state's recovery and opportunities for larger growth in specific sectors or industries, and outlining the underlying issues that are contributing to the overall economic gaps that are inhibiting recovery and growth.
- (12) That, as a result of the work outlined in subsection (11) of this resolution, the Subpanel will write the report outlined in subsection (1) providing broad policy recommendations for the Task Force to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor as potential solutions to address issues identified within the report. The report shall note if there are differences of opinion amongst Subpanel members, and address those differences.
- (13) That the Legislative Council Staff Chief Economist, or their designee, shall provide information and assistance to the Subpanel in completing the work outlined in subsection (11) of this resolution.
- (14) Notwithstanding subsection (13) of this resolution, that Legislative Council Staff will assist in providing public notice of Subpanel meetings, including posting meeting notices, recording and broadcasting meetings, and research request support, but will not otherwise provide staff support to the Subpanel.
- (15) That, if Subpanel members are not eligible for reimbursement from any other source, the General Assembly will reimburse members of the Subpanel for reasonable expenses related to their service on the Subpanel. Members of the subpanel are not eligible for per diem.
- (16) That the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council authorizes that expenses for Subpanel member reimbursement be paid from the Legislative Department Cash Fund.
- (17) That, pursuant to the Executive Committee Policy on Electronic Participation in Legislative Proceedings during a Declared Public Health Disaster Emergency dated January 20, 2021, the members of the Task Force and Subpanel may participate in meetings remotely, including voting.
- (18) That state departments and agencies with relevant information shall provide assistance and information to the Task Force and Subpanel upon request.
- (19) That the Task Force shall finalize recommendations no later than December 17, 2021, and that the report on the recommendations of the Task Force shall be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than January 13, 2022.

(20) That the JBC staff will review the Task Force report to offer analysis on whether programs already exist that would have overlapping missions, and whether anything would likely entail ongoing General Fund obligations.

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