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TO: Members of the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee

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SUBJECT: Overview of the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2024 membership of the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee, the origin and charge of the committee, bill request deadlines and procedures, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

Background and Committee Charge

The committee was created pursuant to Interim Committee Request Letter 2024-003. The purpose of this committee is to build better relationships between American Indian communities and the legislative branch. Additionally, the committee will explore and address challenges faced by American Indian communities, which include but are not limited to health disparities, judicial concerns, the Indian Child Welfare Act, outdoor and recreational access, and water matters.

Committee Membership

The six legislative members appointed to the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee for the 2024 interim are:

Representatives	Senators
Majority Leader Monica Duran (Chair)	Cleave Simpson (Vice-chair)
Junie Joseph	Jessie Danielson
Ron Weinberg	Dylan Roberts



Meeting Dates

The committee is required to meet four times during the 2024 interim. The tentative meeting schedule is as follows:

- July 8 at the Colorado State Capitol;
- July 29 through 31, visiting locations in Southwest Colorado; and
- August 14 at the Colorado State Capitol (bill draft request meeting).

The final meeting of the committee will occur between September 24 and October 1. At the final meeting, the committee will vote on proposed legislation.

Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

Bill limits and requests. The committee may recommend up to three bills to the Legislative Council. Committee members must request bills during a single meeting set for requesting legislation, and bill requests must be approved by a majority of the committee members.¹

Bill request deadlines. The Legislative Council has established deadlines for the 2024 interim for requesting, drafting, and approving bill drafts under consideration by the committee.² The meeting to request bill drafts must be held by **August 20, 2024**. Committee members must submit drafting information to the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) bill drafter within three calendar days of the meeting at which bills were requested. There must be at least 42 days between the meeting at which legislation is requested and the meeting at which it is approved. To allow time for Legislative Council Staff to prepare the fiscal analysis of the proposal, there must be 21 days between the date the proposed bill is finalized with OLLS staff and the date of the meeting to approve the proposed bills. The last day to finalize bill drafts with OLLS staff is **September 10, 2024**. The committee must meet and vote on the bill drafts by **October 1, 2024**.

Legislative Council review. The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet in mid-October 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. Bills not approved by the Legislative Council may be introduced during the regular session, but such bills would count

¹ Joint Rule 24 (d)(2.7)(A).

² Joint Rule 24A (d)(2.6).



against a member's five bill limit.³ Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to approval by the Legislative Council.⁴

Committee Staff and Website

Committee staff contacts. 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 email to AIastudy@coleg.gov. You may also contact any of the following individual staff members:

- Amanda King, Senior Research Analyst, amanda.king@coleg.gov, 303-866-4332;
- Jeanette Chapman, Senior Research Analyst, jeanette.chapman@coleg.gov, 303-866-4657; and
- Jerard Brown, Research Analyst, jerard.brown@coleg.gov, 303-866-4784

Fiscal note staff contacts. Legislative Council Staff provides fiscal notes for committee legislation and other analyses requested by the committee. To discuss the fiscal impact of legislation or to request a fiscal analysis, please contact:

- John Armstrong, Fiscal Analyst, john.armstrong@coleg.gov, 303-866-6289.

Legal services staff contacts. Additionally, attorneys at the Office of Legislative Legal Services provide legal and bill drafting assistance to the committee. For assistance in these areas, please contact:

- Chelsea Princell, Staff Attorney, chelsea.princell@coleg.gov, 303-866-4335;
- Alana Rosen, Staff Attorney, alana.rosen@coleg.gov, 303-866-2606; and
- Asia Merrill, Legislative Editor, asia.merrill@coleg.gov, 303-866-4829.

Website. Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the [committee website](#).⁵

³ Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(D).

⁴ Joint Rule 24(b)(1)(E).

⁵ <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/american-indian-affairs-interim-study-committee/2024-regular-session>