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Memorandum

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TO: Members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee

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SUBJECT: Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee Charge Memo

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee (COYAC Review Committee), including the origin and charge of the committee, its 2019 membership, bill request deadlines and procedures, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

Origin and Charge of the Committee

The COYAC Review Committee was created in House Bill 19-1024 to review the work of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (COYAC) and to recommend legislation regarding issues affecting Colorado youth.

Pursuant to Section 2-2-1302, C.R.S., COYAC is charged with examining, evaluating, and discussing the issues, interests, and needs affecting Colorado youth. The issues may include, but need not be limited to:

- education and skill development;
- employment and economic opportunities and educational opportunities, including increased accessibility to opportunities for youth in rural communities;
- access to state and local government services;

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- the environment;
- behavioral and physical health, including suicide prevention;
- safe environments for youth, including preventing bullying;
- substance abuse;
- poverty; and
- increased youth participation in state and local government.

COYAC consists of 35 members representing each state senate district and 5 at-large members. Members must be between 14 and 19 years old and be enrolled in and attending school in Colorado. They serve two-year terms. COYAC meets three to four times per year and receives organizational support from a vendor, Engaged Public, under contract with the General Assembly. Four legislative members of COYAC are appointed by House and Senate leadership to two-year terms.

Each school year, COYAC makes policy recommendations to the General Assembly. The recommendations for the current and prior years are available online at: <http://engagedpublic.com/coyac-policy-recommendations.php>.

Committee Membership

There are ten members on the COYAC Review Committee. Five nonvoting youth members are selected by COYAC. Four voting members are the four legislative members of COYAC, and the chair of the Legislative Council committee appoints the fifth voting member. The chair of the review committee is the legislative co-chair of COYAC, and the vice-chair of the review committee is the legislative vice-chair of COYAC.

The five legislators serving on the committee for the 2019 interim are:

- Representative Hugh McKean, Chair
- Senator Nancy Todd, Vice-Chair
- Representative Bri Buentello
- Senator Don Coram
- Senator Lois Court

The nonvoting youth members serving on the committee for the 2019 interim are:

- Xavier Ada, Senate District 3
- Colton Arciniaga, Senate District 1
- Emma Logan, Senate District 32
- Andrew Schwartz, Senate District 31
- Faiza Shaik, At-Large (Senate District 24)

Alex Yang (Senate District 27) will also represent COYAC as an alternate nonvoting member of the committee.

Meeting Dates

The committee may meet up to three times each interim. As of this writing, the meeting schedule is as follows:

- Friday, July 26, 2:00 p.m., SCR 357;
- Wednesday, September 4, 2:00 p.m., SCR 357 (bill draft request meeting); and
- Friday, October 18 (bill approval meeting, date and time to be finalized at July meeting).

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 five legislative members.¹

Bill request deadlines. The Legislative Council has established deadlines for the 2019 interim for requesting, drafting, and approving bill drafts under consideration by the committee.² The meeting to request bill drafts must be held by September 23, 2019. 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 in 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,³ there must be 20 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 for the committee to finalize bill drafts with OLLS staff is September 27, 2019, and the committee must meet and vote on the bill drafts by November 4, 2019. Bill drafts and fiscal notes will be sent to the committee three days prior to the meeting on October 18.

Legislative Council review. The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet on November 15, 2019, 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 against a member's five bill limit.⁴ Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to approval by the Legislative Council.⁵

¹Joint Rule 24A (d) (2.7) (A).

²Joint Rule 24A (d) (2.6).

³As required by House Bill 15-1335.

⁴Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D).

⁵Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (E).

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 e-mail to COYACRevComm.ga@state.co.us. You may also contact any of the following individual staff members:

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Fiscal note staff contact. 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:

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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:

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Website. Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at: <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/colorado-youth-advisory-council-review-committee/2019-regular-session>

Twitter. Committee updates will be also posted on Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/COInterimComm>