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This letter reflects the authorization for the committee as approved by Legislative Council at its meeting on April 25, 2019.

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Representative Cutter
With support of: Representatives Arndt, McLachlan, Soper, and Will; also Senator Story

Re: Request for interim study committee regarding zero waste and recycling

Date: 4/25/2019

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study zero waste and recycling in Colorado, during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Zero Waste and Recycling Interim Study Committee".

The policy issues to be studied are waste and recycling infrastructure, composting, and public awareness of moving towards zero waste in Colorado.

The interim study committee would need to meet up to 4 times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of 10 members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- 5 members of the Senate, with 3 appointed by the President of the Senate and 2 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- 5 members of the House of Representatives, with 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair will be a House member appointed by the Speaker of the House and the vice-chair will be a Senate member appointed by the Senate President.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2019.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will need up to 2 bills to address the issues it studies.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The Colorado Department of Agriculture, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Colorado Energy Office, and other private and non-profit entities concerned with waste and recycling in Colorado may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

The interim study committee is authorized to travel outside of the Denver metropolitan area to study the issues in the committee's charge.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.