# 2024 Annual Report

Statutory Revision Committee To Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to section 2-3-902 (1)(e), C.R.S., we are submitting the 2024 annual report of the Statutory Revision Committee (SRC). Formed in 2016, the SRC is charged with "[recommending] legislation annually to effect such changes in the law as it deems necessary in order to modify or eliminate antiquated, redundant, or contradictory rules of law and to bring the law of this state into harmony with modern conditions." <sup>1</sup>

The SRC is staffed by Kristen Forrestal, Conrad Imel, Nicole Myers, Asia Merrill, and Jessica Wigent of the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Any person interested in reporting defects in the law or antiquated, redundant, or contradictory law may contact SRC staff by e-mailing StatutoryRevision.ga@coleg.gov or by calling (303) 866-2045.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> § 2-3-902 (1)(d), C.R.S.

# **Statutory Revision Committee**

# Statutory Revision Committee Members\*2

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# Review of the Statutory Revision Committee's Work<sup>3</sup>

The SRC met three times during the 2024 legislative session—on January 4, February 28, and April 4. The members considered 10 bills; eight were approved for introduction, passed by the General Assembly, and signed into law by Governor Polis.

## **Descriptions of Introduced Bills**

#### S.B. 24-103

Section 1 of the act corrects a cross reference to the annual Colorado talent report by deleting a reference to a subsection that does not exist within the article regarding intrastate air service within the state of Colorado.

Section 2 removes unnecessary language to clarify that a qualifying organization that receives a grant from the immigration legal defense fund shall only use the grant for services that include providing indigent clients with representation before the board of immigration appeals within the United States department of justice, but not representation before a United States district court, a United States circuit court of appeals, or the United States supreme court.

<sup>3</sup> To view the agendas, memos, and bills from previous SRC meetings, as well as the archived audio recordings of meetings, please visit: https://leg.colorado.gov/content/src-meeting-documents-archive.

The SRC has not yet scheduled its next meeting. To receive notices of meetings and agendas, memos, and bill drafts, please subscribe to our <u>mailing list</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> § 2-3-901, C.R.S.

Section 3 clarifies that the "approval" granted by a state apprenticeship agency refers to the approval of an apprenticeship program.

Sections 4 and 5 correct inconsistencies in the membership of two committees regarding apprenticeships. Current law establishing the committee for apprenticeship in the building and construction trades (CABCT) states that the CABCT consists of 16 members, but the statute outlines the appointment of 17 members. The act changes the total membership of the CABCT to 17 members. Current law also dictates that the governor appoints seven members to serve concurrently on both the CABCT and the committee for apprenticeship in new and emerging industries (CANEI). This conflicts with current law establishing the CANEI, which states that the governor appoints six members to the CANEI, only five of whom serve concurrently on the CABCT. There are presently seven members appointed by the governor on the CANEI who serve concurrently on the CABCT. The act resolves this conflict by clarifying that the governor appoints seven members to the CANEI, all of whom are concurrently appointed to the CABCT.

#### S.B. 24-105

Under current law, manufacturers and distributors of fuel products in the state are required to pay a fee each calendar month to the department of revenue (department). The fee is deposited in the petroleumstorage tank fund. The department also collects another fee (PFAS cash fund fee) to fund the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances cash fund, support the department of transportation, support the Colorado state patrol, and pay the costs to the department for administering the fee.

The act clarifies the fee amounts that the department is required to collect for the petroleum storage tank fund. The act also repeals outdated provisions regarding the PFAS cash fund fee and clarifies that the department must annually transmit the collected fee to the state treasurer.

#### S.B. 24-128

The act repeals an obsolete provision that required the department of transportation to study mobility improvement possibility for the I-70 mountain corridor and to make prioritized recommendations to the transportation committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than December 20, 2011.

#### S.B. 24-172

Colorado law uses a defined phrase of "hemp product". The act changes terms in the marijuana statutes to conform to the current defined phrase.

#### S.B. 24-176

Current law refers to a "member", "client", "consumer", and "recipient" interchangeably when referring to an individual who is enrolled in the state medical assistance program (medicaid). The act updates the terminology to refer only to medicaid "members".

#### S.B. 24-204

The act makes technical changes to the procurement code (code), including:

- Correcting a cross-reference to the definition of "information technology";
- Updating the definition of "solicitation" to refer to "an electronic procurement system" instead of "an electronic bidding system" to remain consistent with other provisions of the code;
- Updating the statute authorizing delegation of the executive director of the department of personnel's purchasing authority to use the term "governmental body", as defined in the code;
- Clarifying the method of compiling and soliciting from lists of potential contractors;
- Updating references to the United States department of veterans affairs to align with current federal and state practices; and
- Changing "public procurement unit" to "local public procurement unit" in a list in the cooperative purchasing statute that already includes a "public procurement unit."

#### H.B. 24-1222

Current law uses the terminology "department of human services" and "department of social services" interchangeably when referring to the department of human services. The act updates the terminology to refer only to the "department of human services".

Current law uses the terminology "county department of human services or social services", "county department of human services", and "county department of human or social services" interchangeably. The act updates the terminology to refer only to the "county department of human or social services".

Current law uses the terminology "state board of social services" and "state board of human services" interchangeably when referring to the state board of human services. The act updates the terminology to refer only to the "state board of human services".

### H.B. 24-1441

With the passage of Senate Bill 23-167, concerning the regulation of certified midwives by the state board of nursing, an additional member will be added to the state board of nursing (board) on July 1, 2024, bringing the total number of members of the board to 12. Senate Bill 23-167, however, did not include a conforming amendment to a statute that refers to the size of the board. The act eliminates the inaccurate reference to the number of members on the board.