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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Darlene Maria Kobobel and Gail Bell  
**FROM:** Legislative Council Staff and Office of Legislative Legal Services  
**DATE:** May 17, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed initiative measure 2019-2020 #107, concerning Restoration of Gray Wolves

Section 1-40-105 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, requires the directors of the Colorado Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services to "review and comment" on initiative petitions for proposed laws and amendments to the Colorado constitution. We hereby submit our comments to you regarding the appended proposed initiative.

The purpose of this statutory requirement of the directors of Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services is to provide comments intended to aid proponents in determining the language of their proposal and to avail the public of knowledge of the contents of the proposal. Our first objective is to be sure we understand your intent and your objective in proposing the amendment. We hope that the statements and questions contained in this memorandum will provide a basis for discussion and understanding of the proposal.

An earlier version of this proposed initiative, proposed initiative 2019-2020 #79, was the subject of a memorandum dated April 12, 2019. Proposed initiative 2019-2020 #79 was discussed at a public meeting on April 18, 2019. The substantive and technical comments and questions raised in this memorandum will not include comments and questions that were addressed at the earlier meeting, except as necessary to fully understand the issues raised by the revised proposed initiative. However, the prior comments and questions that are not restated here continue to be relevant and are hereby incorporated by reference in this memorandum.

## **Purposes**

The major purposes of the proposed amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes appear to be:

1. To restore gray wolves through their reintroduction to designated lands in Colorado west of the continental divide in a manner that fosters the species' capacity to sustain itself and resolves conflicts with persons engaged in ranching and farming in the state; and
2. To provide for compensation to livestock owners for losses caused by gray wolves.

## **Substantive Comments and Questions**

There are no additional substantive comments or questions raised by the proposed initiative.

## **Technical Comments**

There are no additional technical comments raised by the proposed initiative.