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## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.SB17-040 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 1 insert:

2           **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
3 finds, determines, and declares that Colorado has a long and strong  
4 tradition of open and transparent government. For Colorado taxpayers to  
5 have confidence in the actions and activities of their government, it is  
6 imperative that they have access to the public records of these  
7 governments. The "Colorado Open Records Act" provides, with very  
8 specific exceptions, access to government records to members of the  
9 public. As technology now allows the public to access records in digital  
10 formats, it is important that Colorado law reflect the new technology to  
11 give the public access to records in digital formats that make it easier for  
12 them to see and understand government records. Senate Bill 17-040 sets  
13 parameters for information to be released in digital formats while  
14 ensuring that records custodians provide public records in ways that  
15 ensure that only those public records that are subject to disclosure are  
16 released. Senate Bill 17-040 makes no changes to what public records are  
17 available for, or protected from disclosure, regardless of the medium in  
18 which the public records are maintained, consistent with existing law.  
19 Current law governing which public records are confidential and not  
20 subject to disclosure and those that must be released remains  
21 unchanged."

22 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

23 Page 5, line 17, after "RECORDS" insert "THAT ARE SUBJECT TO  
24 DISCLOSURE".

25 Page 5, strike lines 23 through 26 and substitute "DATA IN THE REQUESTED  
26 FORMAT, ATTORNEY FEES MAY BE AWARDED ONLY IF THE".

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