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Dear Members of the Seventieth General Assembly,

Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S., a member seeking an interim committee must now make a request in writing to the Legislative Council by a specified deadline. The deadline for the 2015 legislative session is Tuesday, April 7, 2015. All requests must be finalized and will become public by Friday, April 10, 2015. No exceptions will be granted on this request deadline.

Please see either the Office of Legislative Legal Services or the Office of Legislative Council Staff to request assistance in completing the new written request. The request, as stipulated in statute, must specify at a minimum:

- the scope of the policy issues to be studied;
- the number of meetings necessary to study the issues;
- the suggested number and composition of legislative members, including the appointments to be made by the President, Speaker, Majority Leaders, and Minority Leaders;
- whether nonlegislative members should have a role in the interim committee;
- whether a task force would be necessary to assist the interim committee and, if so, the members and composition of such a task force; and
- an estimate of the maximum number of bills the interim committee will need to address the issues studied.

It is also suggested that the request identify how the chair and vice-chair are to be appointed.

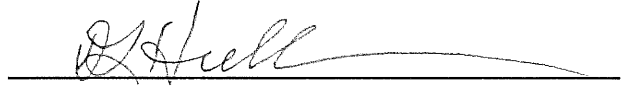
In accordance with statute, the Legislative Council must meet by Friday, April 24, 2015, to review and prioritize any interim committee requests that have been submitted. Members are asked to submit their requests in as far in advance as possible of the deadline as there is only a two-week timeframe between the submittal deadline and the Legislative Council meeting to review the proposals. All written requests for interim committees will be made public once finalized.

The Legislative Council Staff director will determine the number of interim committee meetings that may be funded from the legislative budget so that the Legislative Council can determine how many interim committees it may prioritize. This process is intended for one-time committees meeting during one interim period. Interim committees approved through this process will receive staff support from the Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services. Legislative members of interim committees approved through this process will receive per diem and travel reimbursement. Members wanting to create long-term, statutory committees must introduce separate legislation. Such legislation will be accompanied by a fiscal note reflecting the cost of legislator member per diem and travel, as well as the cost of staff assistance.

For more information please see Section 2-3-303.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, and the attached request form developed by Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services. The form may also be accessed within the iLegislate application on your iPad. Please feel free to contact either the Office of Legislative Legal Services or the office of Legislative Council Staff for any help you may need. Also, the forms may be turned into either office.



President Bill L. Cadman, Chair



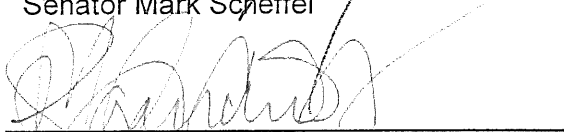
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