

**PART 2**  
**JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**2-3-201. Joint budget committee established.**

(1) There is hereby established a joint committee of the senate and house of representatives officially known as the joint budget committee, and to consist of the chairman of the house appropriations committee plus one majority party member and one minority party member thereof, and the chairman of the senate appropriations committee plus one majority party member and one minority party member thereof. Members of the committee shall be chosen in each house in the same manner as members of other standing committees are chosen. The committee shall function during the legislative sessions and during the interim between sessions.

(2) In order to expedite the work of the committee, appointees may be designated by the respective majority and minority parties prior to the convening of the general assembly at which such committee is to serve, whether such appointees are members of the then current general assembly or members-elect of the next general assembly, or both; and such appointees have all the powers and duties and are entitled to the same compensation and expense allowance as members duly appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The committee shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman, one from the senate membership of the committee and one from the house membership of the committee. The chairman so elected shall serve as chairman for the first regular session of the general assembly at which the committee is to serve, and as vice-chairman for the second regular session; the vice-chairman so elected shall serve as chairman for the second regular session of said general assembly.

**Source:** L. 59: p. 464, § 1. CRS 53: § 63-2-18. C.R.S. 1963: § 63-2-17. L. 65: p. 685, § 4. L. 67: p. 541, § 1. L. 69: p. 462, § 1.

**Cross references:** For compensation and expenses for committee members, see § 2-2-307 (3).

**2-3-202. Organization and meetings.**

The committee may prescribe its own rules of procedure and may appoint subcommittees from the membership of the general assembly, and shall meet as often as is necessary to perform its functions.

**Source:** L. 59: p. 464, § 2. CRS 53: § 63-2-19. C.R.S. 1963: § 63-2-18.

**2-3-203. Powers and duties of the joint budget committee - repeal.**

(1) The committee has the following power and duties:

(a) To study the management, operations, programs, and fiscal needs of the agencies and institutions of Colorado state government;

(b) Repealed.

(b.1) (I) (A) Effective July 1, 2004, to hold hearings as required and to review the executive budget and the budget requests of each state agency and institution, including capital construction, capital renewal, or controlled maintenance budget requests as prioritized, pursuant to rule 45 of the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives, by the capital development committee, and information technology budget requests as prioritized, pursuant to rule 45 of the joint rules of the senate and the house of representatives, by the joint technology committee, and to make appropriation recommendations to the appropriations committees, or any successor committees, of each house.

(B) If the joint budget committee's recommendations to the appropriations committees in the general appropriations bill alter the determinations of priority established by the capital development committee, prior to making the recommendations, the joint budget committee shall notify the capital development committee and allow for a joint meeting of the two committees.

(C) If the joint budget committee's recommendations to the appropriations committees of the senate and house of representatives in the annual general appropriation bill alter the determinations of priority established by the joint technology committee, prior to making the recommendations, the joint budget committee shall notify the joint technology committee and allow for a joint meeting of the two committees. If part 17 of this article is repealed, this sub-subparagraph (C) is repealed, effective July 1, 2018.

(II) Repealed.

(b.2) Effective July 1, 2013, to hold hearings as required to review the performance plans and performance evaluations of departments as specified in section 2-7-204 (6). Based on its review of these performance plans and performance evaluations and its consideration of each department's legal responsibilities and strategic goals and objectives, the joint budget committee may prioritize departments' requests for new funding that are expressly intended to enhance productivity, improve efficiency, reduce costs, and eliminate waste in the processes and operations that deliver goods and services to taxpayers and customers of state government.

(c) To make estimates of revenue from existing and proposed taxes (c) and to make its staff facilities available, upon request, to the finance committee of either house for the development and analysis of proposed revenue measures;

(d) To study and from time to time review the state's fund structure, financial condition, fiscal organization, and its budgeting, accounting, reporting, personnel, and purchasing procedures;

(e) and (f) Repealed.

(g) Prior to January 1 of the year prior to the last year in which a transfer may be made under section 24-75-219, C.R.S., to develop and make recommendations in consultation with the capital development committee established in section 2-3-1302 concerning new methods of financing the state's ongoing capital construction, capital renewal, and controlled maintenance needs. No later than the following February 1, the committee shall recommend legislation to implement the recommendations.

(2) If a principal department of the executive branch of state government as specified in section 24-1-110, C.R.S., submits a plan approved by the office of state planning and budgeting to improve budgetary efficiency or administrative flexibility by recommending line item consolidation in the annual general appropriation act, the committee shall consider such plan for recommendation to the general assembly.

(3) After passage of the annual general appropriation act, in preparing any letter to the governor with requests for information, the committee shall prioritize such requests in the letter.

**Source:** L. 59: p. 465, § 3. CRS 53: § 63-2-20. C.R.S. 1963: § 63-2-19. L. 69: p. 462, § 2. L. 85: (1)(b) amended and (1)(b.1) added, p. 285, § 2, effective May 23. L. 89: (1)(b)(II) and (1)(b.1) amended, p. 336, § 4, effective March 15. L. 94: (1)(b.1) amended, p. 628, § 2, effective April 14; (1)(e) added, p. 1094, § 3, effective May 9; (1)(f) added, p. 1836, § 2, effective June 1; (1)(e) amended, p. 2614, § 19, effective July 1. L. 95: (1)(e) amended, p. 1275, § 10, effective June 5. L. 98: (1)(b.1) amended, p. 816, § 5, effective August 5. L. 2000: (1)(f) repealed, p. 22, § 2, effective August 2. L. 2001: (1)(e) repealed, p. 309, § 1, effective August 8. L. 2006: (1)(b.1)(I) amended, p. 231, § 1, effective March 31. L. 2009: (1)(b.1)(I)(B) amended, (HB 09-1169), ch. 45, p. 168, § 2, effective March 20. L. 2010: (2) and (3) added, (HB 10-1119), ch. 340, p. 1564, § 2, effective August 11. L. 2013: (1)(b.2) added, (HB 13-1299), ch. 382, p. 2242, § 3, effective June 5. L. 2014: (1)(b.1)(I)(A) amended and (1)(b.1)(I)(C) added, (HB 14-1395), ch. 309, pp. 1306, 1309, §§ 3, 8, effective May 31; (1)(b.1)(I) and (1)(b.1)(I)(A) amended, (HB 14-1387), ch. 378, pp. 1822, 1854, §§ 21, 68, effective June 6; (1)(g) added, (SB 14-110), ch. 105, p. 390, § 3, effective August 6.

**Editor's note:** (1) Subsection (1)(b)(II) provided for the repeal of subsection (1)(b), effective July 1, 1994. (See L. 89, p. 336.)

(2) Subsection (1)(b.1)(II)(B) provided for the repeal of subsection (1)(b.1)(II), effective July 1, 2004. (See L. 98, p. 816.)

(3) Amendments to subsection (1)(b.1)(I) by HB 14-1387 and HB 14-1395 were harmonized.]

**Cross references:** (1) In 2010, subsections (2) and (3) were added by the "State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act". For the short title, see section 1 of chapter 340, Session Laws of Colorado 2010.

(2) For the legislative declaration in HB 14-1387, see section 1 of chapter 378, Session Laws of Colorado 2014. For the legislative declaration in SB 14-110, see section 1 of chapter 105, Session Laws of Colorado 2014.