



Legislative Department Continuity of Operations Plan

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How did it come to be and what are the laws and rules governing it?

What happens when the COOP is activated?

What can the Executive Committee do to plan now?

Disaster Emergency Declaration

“Disaster” means the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion existing in the state or in any county, city, town, or district in the state.

Section 24-33.5-703 (3), C.R.S.

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COOP Assumptions

Implicit: Working with the Governor and Department of Public Health and Environment

- 1) GA will meet at the Capitol unless declared uninhabitable
- 2) GA will meet in person (virtual electronic session not feasible)
- 3) The session length may need to be adjusted
- 4) "...is there truly a reason...to meet..."?

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Executive Committee Decisions

- 1) Does the General Assembly need to meet?
If so, for how long?
- 2) Prioritization of and planning for the GA's work
- 3) What personnel do you need to accomplish that work?
- 4) Where will that work occur?

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