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# Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of the Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Burger, Deputy Director, 330-866-6272  
**SUBJECT:** Information on 2020 Interim Committees and Activities

## Summary

This memorandum provides information related to interim committees in the 2020 legislative interim. It discusses deadlines for requesting and approving “letter” interim committees and provides information on the statutory interim committees that will meet in 2020 without action by the legislature. It also discusses the appropriation for each type of committee contained in the legislative department appropriation bill, House Bill 20-1345, and the estimated costs for each statutory interim committee in FY 2020-21. Finally, the memorandum provides information on year-round statutory committees and other interim activities that require the appointment of legislative members.

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## “Letter” Interim Committees

**Overview and deadlines.** Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S., outlines the process for members to request “letter” interim committees, which are interim studies funded through the legislative budget and which meet during only one legislative interim. Joint Rule 24A specifies the deadlines associated with this process as follows:

- **94<sup>th</sup> legislative day** – deadline for members to submit written requests for interim study committees to the Legislative Council;
- **100<sup>th</sup> legislative day** – deadline for the Legislative Council Staff Director to determine the number of interim committee meeting days that may be held within the legislative budget and to provide that information to the Executive Committee; and
- **108<sup>th</sup> legislative day** – deadline for the Legislative Council to review and prioritize any interim committee requests that have been submitted.

**Options for letter interim committee deadlines.** Because the deadlines for submission and approval of interim committee letter requests are tied to specific legislative days, these deadlines will automatically adjust to new dates when the legislative session resumes. Alternatively, when the General Assembly resumes, it could amend Joint Rule 24A to specify different deadlines for the submission and review of letter interim committee requests. The General Assembly has not yet approved any letter interim committee requests for 2020.

**Budget for letter interim committees.** As introduced, House Bill 20-1345 funds 30 letter interim committee meetings in 2020 and appropriates \$23,760 for member per diem for these committees. Reducing the number of letter interim committees that meet during the 2020 session would also likely reduce in-state travel expenses for members. To the extent that committees would be authorized to travel, travel expenses for staff would also be reduced if the number of committees meeting were reduced.

## **Statutory Interim Committees**

Several committees that primarily meet in the legislative interim have been created in statute. Statutory interim committees are generally created for more than one year and must receive a stand-alone appropriation for member per diem and expenses and staff support as part of the legislation creating the committee.

Without action by the General Assembly, ten statutory interim committees will meet during the 2020 interim (see table 1 on page 5). In addition, there is pending legislation to extend three committees that otherwise would repeal, as well as one pending bill to create a new statutory interim committee. An additional bill creates subcommittee to the Senate Judiciary Committee with one legislative member, staffed by Legislative Council Staff.

- House Bill 20-1022 extends the Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force for five years (currently pending in Senate Appropriations);
- Senate Bill 20-028 extends the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee for four years, meeting every other year beginning in 2021 (currently pending in Senate Appropriations);
- Senate Bill 20-042 extends the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Oversight Committee for three years (currently pending in House Judiciary);
- Senate Bill 20-019 creates a new ten-member five-year interim committee to examine tax expenditure evaluations prepared by the state auditor and other issues concerning tax policy (currently pending on Senate Second Reading); and
- Senate Bill 20-151 modifies the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Act. It establishes the Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and requires the appointment of a legislative member to the committee. The council also requires staffing from Legislative Council Staff (currently pending in Senate Judiciary).

Statute allows Legislative Council to be a committee of reference for bills that affect legislative staffing, and bills creating statutory committees with legislative members are also routed to Legislative Council. Thus, the bills listed above will be referred to Legislative Council as they advance in the process. Legislative Council usually considers such legislation at the same meeting it reviews requests for letter interim committees in late April.

**Budget for statutory interim committees.** House Bill 20-1345 appropriates \$45,045 for member per diem for the ten ongoing statutory interim committees. The pending bills listed above each require a separate appropriation for member per diem and travel expenses, as well as to fund staffing.

Reducing the number of statutory interim committees that meet during the 2020 session would also reduce in-state travel expenses for members, as well as travel expenses associated with staff who attend tours and other activities with these committees. Table 2 on page 7 provides the estimated costs of each committee in the 2020 interim.

## **Year-round Statutory Committees**

Nonpartisan legislative staff support several statutory committees that meet on a year-round basis. These committees include the legislative staff agency oversight committees (Legislative Council, Committee on Legal Services, Legislative Audit Committee, and Joint Budget Committee), the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, Capital Development Committee, Joint Technology Committee, Capitol Building Advisory Committee, Statutory Review Committee, and Commission on Uniform State Laws. These committees are not limited in how many days they meet a year.

**Budget for year-round statutory committees.** House Bill 20-1345 appropriates \$56,628 for member per diem for these committees. To the extent that the General Assembly limited meeting days for these committees, member per diem appropriated for these committees could be reduced.

## **Other Interim Activities - Committees Requiring Legislative Appointments**

At least 31 boards, commissions, and committees exist in state law that require appointment of legislative members. These entities are housed outside of the legislative branch and are not staffed by nonpartisan legislative staff, and the workload and meeting frequency of these entities vary widely. As required by Section 2-2-326, C.R.S., members are eligible for per diem and expense reimbursement for serving on these entities.

Two pending bills would require per diem payments for members serving on entities outside of the legislative branch:

- Senate Bill 20-023 creates the Colorado Interagency Working Group on School Safety. The working group consisting of 14 members, four of whom are legislators (currently pending in House Education).
- Senate Bill 20-127 creates the Health Benefit Plan Design Change Review Committee in the Division of Insurance. The nine-member committee includes two legislators (currently pending in Senate Appropriations).

**Budget for other activities.** House Bill 20-1345 appropriates \$42,075 for member per diem for the 31 existing interim activities. In order to change or reduce per diem payments for these activities, statute would need to be amended. The pending bills listed above each require a separate appropriation for member per diem and travel expenses.

### **Past Interim Committee Budget Savings**

In 2010, the General Assembly suspended interim committee by passing Senate Bill 10-213. Eliminating both statutory and letter interim committees in this year was estimated to save approximately \$75,840. A copy of Senate Bill 10-213 is included as Attachment A.

**Table I: 2020 Statutory Interim Committees**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Requirements</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>2019 Membership</b>
<b>Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	Must meet least 2 times annually; limited to 7 total meetings when the General Assembly is not in session. The committee may meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session	10 members: 5 House/5 Senate	Senators: Pettersen; Ginal; Smallwood; Williams; Woodward Representatives: Lontine; Baisley; Beckman; Jaquez Lewis; Mullica
<b>Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	May meet up to 3 times each interim	4 legislative members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council and 1 member of the Legislative Council	Senators: Todd; Coram; Court Representatives: McKean, Buentello
<b>Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission</b> <i>repeals July 1, 2023</i>	May meet at least 4 times each interim	6 members: 3 House/3 Senate. Must serve on Education/Health committees.	Senators: Story; Hill; Pettersen Representatives: Sirota; McCluskie; Wilson
<b>Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	Must meet at least once annually; limited to 6 total meetings	4 legislative members: 2 from the Senate and 2 from the House	Senators: Garcia; Cooke Representatives: Titone; Saine
<b>Pension Review Commission</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	Limited to 6 total meetings	10 legislative members: 5 from the Senate and 5 from the House	Senators: Ginal; Danielson; Garcia; Scott; Tate Representatives: Melton; Bird; Exum, Sandridge; Van Winkle
<b>Pension Review Subcommittee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	Limited to 6 total meetings. The subcommittee is required to review specific information semiannually and annually. Statute requires members of the subcommittee to attend at least one meeting of the PERA board of trustees, Legislative Audit Committee meetings on PERA; and the Joint Finance Committee Smart Act hearing on PERA.	4 legislative members from the Pension Review Commission: 2 from the Senate and 2 from the House	Senators: Ginal; Tate Representatives: Bird; Van Winkle

**Table I: 2020 Statutory Interim Committees (Cont.)**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Requirements</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>2019 Membership</b>
<b>Statewide Health Care Review Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	May meet no more than 2 times each interim. Of the meetings, the committee may take up to two tours.	Consists of no more than 10 members of the House and Senate Health Committees	Senators: Fields; Crowder; Pettersen; Representatives: Baisley; Beckman; Caraveo; Jaquez Lewis; Singer; Young
<b>Transportation Legislation Review Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	Must meet at least once annually; limited to 6 total meetings. Often takes one or more tours; permission to tour must be granted by the Executive Committee annually.	18 legislative members: 11 from the House and 7 from the Senate (comprised of the members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees)	Senators: Winter; Donovan; Foote; Hisey; Pettersen; Priola; Scott Representatives: Gray; Carver; Catlin; Duran; Exum; Froelich; Hooton; Humphrey; Lewis; A. Valdez; D. Valdez
<b>Water Resources Review Committee</b> <i>no repeal date</i>	May meet up to 6 times and take 2 field trips during even-numbered years	10 legislative members: 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate	Senators: Donovan; Bridges; Coram; Danielson; Sonnenberg Representatives: Roberts; Arndt; Catlin; McLachlan; Saine
<b>Wildfire Matters Review Committee</b> <i>repeals September 1, 2025</i>	Must meet at least once each interim; limited to 6 total meetings. Often takes one or more tours; permission to tour must be granted by the Executive Committee annually.	10 legislative members; 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate	Senators: Lee; Coram; Crowder; Fenberg; Ginal Representatives: Snyder; Carver; Cutter; McCluskie; Will

**Table 2: Estimated Costs for 2020 Interim Committees<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Number of 2020 Interim Meetings @ Capitol</b>	<b>2020 Tour Days</b>	<b>Number of Legislative Members</b>	<b>Per Diem</b>  (\$111.23* meeting & tour days*# of legislative members)	<b>Member Travel</b>  (\$124*# of meetings*# of legislative members)	<b>Tour Travel Expenses</b>  (\$219*# of tour days*# of members)	<b>Staff Travel Expenses</b>  (\$219*3 staff members*# of tour days)	<b>Van Rental</b>  (\$300*# of tour days)	<b>Total</b>
CO Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee	2	0	10	\$2,225	\$2,480	0	0	0	\$4,705
Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission	4	0	6	2,670	2,976	0	0	0	5,646
Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee	2	0	4	890	992	0	0	0	1,882
Pension Review Commission	2	0	10	2,225	2,480	0	0	0	4,705
Pension Review Subcommittee	4	0	4	1,780	1,984	0	0	0	3,764
Statewide Health Care Review Committee	0	3	10	3,337	0	6,570	1,971	900	12,778
Transportation Legislation Review Committee	2	3	16	8,898	3,968	10,512	1,971	900	26,249
Water Resources Review Committee	5	5	10	11,123	6,200	10,950	3,285	900	32,458
Wildfire Matters Review Committee	3	2	10	5,562	3,720	4,380	1,314	600	15,576
Youth Advisory Council Review Committee	3	0	5	1,668	1,860	0	0	0	3,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$40,376</b>	<b>\$26,660</b>	<b>\$32,412</b>	<b>\$8,541</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>\$111,289</b>

<sup>1</sup> Costs for each committee are based on the assumption that all members will attend each meeting and tour date. The calculations assume that each committee will have similar meeting and touring activity as in 2019.

**NOTE: This bill has been prepared for the signature of the appropriate legislative officers and the Governor. To determine whether the Governor has signed the bill or taken other action on it, please consult the legislative status sheet, the legislative history, or the Session Laws.**



SENATE BILL 10-213

BY SENATOR(S) Shaffer B., Morse, Penry;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Weissmann, Carroll T., May, Benefield,  
Kerr J., Looper, Todd.

CONCERNING COMMITTEES CREATED BY THE COLORADO GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY THAT OPERATE DURING THE INTERIM.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 2-3-303.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**2-3-303.3. Interim studies.** (1) (a) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), the legislative council created in section 2-3-301 (1) shall meet during the regular session each year for the purpose of reviewing and prioritizing bills and joint resolutions that create or authorize any studies to be conducted during the interim or that allocate any additional legislative staff resources during the interim. After the general assembly has adjourned, if issues are brought to the attention of the executive committee of the legislative council and the executive committee determines that the issues are appropriate for being addressed by an interim study and are the result of changed circumstances or new circumstances, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b)

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

OF THIS SUBSECTION (1), the executive committee of the legislative council may provide for the conduct of additional interim studies by adopting a resolution.

(b) NO STUDIES SHALL BE CREATED OR AUTHORIZED TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

(2) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 2-3-301 (1) SHALL BE THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE FOR ALL BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THAT CREATE OR AUTHORIZE ANY STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE INTERIM OR THAT ALLOCATE ANY ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF RESOURCES DURING THE INTERIM. IN ADDITION, IF AT ANY POINT IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS A BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE CREATION OR AUTHORIZATION OF AN INTERIM STUDY, THE BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

**SECTION 2.** 2-2-1404 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**2-2-1404. Economic opportunity poverty reduction task force - creation - membership.** (4) (b) The task force shall meet during each interim at least four times and additionally as convened by the chairperson; EXCEPT THAT THE TASK FORCE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

**SECTION 3.** 2-2-1405 (3) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**2-2-1405. Economic opportunity poverty reduction task force - duties.** (3) (a) On or before ~~January 15, 2010~~ JANUARY 15, 2012, and on or before January 15 each year thereafter, the task force shall prepare a written report to the general assembly that includes a summary of the work accomplished by the task force and such legislative recommendations to the general assembly as it deems necessary concerning matters studied by the task force.

**SECTION 4.** 2-3-1503 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**2-3-1503. Legislative emergency epidemic response committee**

**- creation - membership - duties.** (1) (a) There is hereby created a legislative emergency epidemic response committee. The legislative committee shall develop a plan for the response by, and continuation of operations of, the general assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic. The legislative committee shall cooperate and coordinate with the council, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in developing the plan. The legislative committee shall develop and submit the plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the governor, the executive director of the department, the council, the director of the division, and the GEEERC no later than July 1, 2008. The legislative committee shall meet at least annually to review and amend the plan as necessary and shall provide any updated plan to the persons or entities specified in this paragraph (a); EXCEPT THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM. The legislative committee shall provide information to and fully cooperate with the council, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in fulfilling its duties under this section.

**SECTION 5.** 10-16-221 (1) (f), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**10-16-221. Health care task force - creation - duties - repeal.**

(1) (f) The task force shall meet at least four times per year and as convened by the chairperson; EXCEPT THAT THE TASK FORCE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

**SECTION 6.** 18-1.9-103 (2) (a), (2) (b), and (2) (c) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**18-1.9-103. Legislative oversight committee for the continuing examination of the treatment of persons with mental illness who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems - creation - duties.**

(2) **Duties.** (a) The committee shall meet at least once on or before August 1, 2004. Beginning in 2005 and continuing each year thereafter through 2014, the committee shall meet at least three times each year and at such other times as it deems necessary; EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

(b) (I) The committee shall be responsible for the oversight of the task force and shall submit annual reports to the general assembly regarding

the findings and recommendations of the task force. In addition, the committee may recommend legislative changes ~~which~~ THAT shall be treated as bills recommended by an interim legislative committee for purposes of any introduction deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the joint rules of the general assembly.

(II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) SHALL NOT APPLY DURING THE SUSPENSION OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

(c) (I) The committee shall submit a report to the general assembly by January 15, 2005, ~~and~~ by each January 15 thereafter through JANUARY 15, 2010, AND BY JANUARY 15, 2012, AND BY EACH JANUARY 15 THEREAFTER THROUGH January 15, 2015. The annual reports shall summarize the issues addressing the treatment of persons with mental illness who are involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems that have been considered and any recommended legislative proposals.

**SECTION 7.** The introductory portion to 18-1.9-104 (2) (f), 18-1.9-104 (3) (a) and (3) (b), and the introductory portion to 18-1.9-104 (3) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**18-1.9-104. Mentally ill offender task force - creation - membership - duties.** (2) **Issues for study.** The task force shall examine the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of persons with mental illness who are involved in the state criminal and juvenile justice systems, including an examination of liability, safety, and cost as they relate to these issues. The task force shall specifically consider, but need not be limited to, the following issues:

(f) Beginning ~~July 1, 2009~~ JULY 1, 2011, through July 1, 2014, the following issues:

(3) **Additional duties of the task force.** The task force shall provide guidance and make findings and recommendations to the committee for its development of reports and legislative recommendations for modification of the criminal and juvenile justice systems, with respect to persons with mental illness who are involved in these systems. In addition, the task force shall:

(a) On or before August 1, 2004, and by each August 1 thereafter through August 1, 2013, EXCEPT DURING THE SUSPENSION OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE 2010 INTERIM, select a chair and a vice-chair from among its members;

(b) Meet at least six times each year from the date of the first meeting until January 1, 2015, or more often as directed by the chair of the committee; EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM;

(e) Submit a report to the committee by October 1, 2004, and by each October 1 thereafter through OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND BY OCTOBER 1, 2011, AND BY EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH October 1, 2014, at a minimum specifying the following:

**SECTION 8.** 26-6.5-203 (2) (a) and (2) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**26-6.5-203. Early childhood and school readiness legislative commission - creation - membership - duties - funding.**

(2) (a) Beginning on or before August 1, 2009, the commission shall meet at least six times annually and as needed thereafter; EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

(d) The commission shall submit a report to the general assembly by ~~January 15, 2010~~ JANUARY 15, 2012, and by January 15 each year thereafter. The annual reports shall summarize the issues studied by the commission concerning early childhood and school readiness, including but not limited to health care, mental health, parental involvement, and education.

**SECTION 9.** 26-22-105 (5) and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**26-22-105. Evaluation and reporting.** (5) On or before ~~June 1, 2010~~ JUNE 1, 2011, the division of criminal justice shall complete a comprehensive evaluation of the selected demonstration programs based on the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of this section. Prior to preparing the evaluation, the division of criminal justice shall develop with the selected demonstration programs the comparison groups for the

evaluation. The evaluation shall include analysis of the comparison groups. The division of criminal justice shall submit a final report, including an executive summary and recommendations, to the task force, the demonstration programs, and family advocacy coalitions for review. The division of criminal justice, the division of mental health, family advocacy coalitions, and the task force shall review the evaluation findings and jointly develop recommendations to be made to the legislative oversight committee.

(6) On or before ~~July 1, 2010~~ JULY 1, 2011, the legislative oversight committee, after receiving a recommendation from the task force, shall make recommendations to the chairs of the health and human services committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, and the chairs of the judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, related to continuation or expansion throughout the state of the selected demonstration programs.

**SECTION 10.** 31-31-1001, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**31-31-1001. Police officers' and firefighters' pension reform commission - creation - duties - repeal.** (3) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011.

**SECTION 11.** 37-98-102 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**37-98-102. Water resources review committee - creation.** (1)(a) For the purposes of contributing to and monitoring the conservation, use, development, and financing of the water resources of Colorado for the general welfare of its inhabitants and to review and propose water resources legislation, there is hereby created the water resources review committee, referred to in this article as the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair as often as six times during even-numbered years and eight times during odd-numbered years to review and to propose water resources legislation and matters relating thereto. No more than two of such meetings may occur during periods other than the interim period; EXCEPT THAT THE

COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM PERIOD. In connection with such review, EXCEPT DURING THE 2010 INTERIM PERIOD, the committee may take up to two field trips per year in connection with its mandate and shall consult with experts in the field of water conservation, quality, use, finance, and development. The department of natural resources, the state engineer, and the attorney general, together with the members and staff of the Colorado water conservation board, the Colorado water resources and power development authority, the Colorado water quality control commission, the department of public health and environment, the department of agriculture, and the great outdoors Colorado program, shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in pursuing its responsibilities pursuant to this section. Further, the committee may utilize the legislative council staff to assist its members in researching any matters.

**SECTION 12.** 37-98-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**37-98-103. Annual recommendations - bill limitation - deadlines for introduction - repeal.** (1) The committee may report no more than three bills or other measures to the legislative council created in section 2-3-301, C.R.S., unless a two-thirds majority of the members of the committee vote to report a greater number; EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT REPORT ANY BILLS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 2010. No bill shall be reported to the legislative council unless a two-thirds majority of the appointed members of the committee vote to report such bill to the legislative council. Such greater number shall not exceed one bill or other measure per member. These bills shall be exempt from any applicable bill limit imposed on the individual committee members sponsoring such bills if the bills have been approved by the legislative council no later than October 15 in even-numbered years and November 15 in odd-numbered years.

**SECTION 13.** 42-4-307 (13), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**42-4-307. Powers and duties of the department of public health and environment - division of administration - automobile inspection and readjustment program - basic emissions program - enhanced emissions program - clean screen program.** (13) Beginning July 1, 2007,

and on or before October 15 of each year thereafter THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2009, AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2011, AND EACH OCTOBER 15 THEREAFTER, the department of public health and environment, in cooperation with the contractor, shall brief the transportation legislation review committee on the cost and effectiveness of the high emitter program. The briefing shall compare the effectiveness of the high emitter program to other emissions reduction options, including, but not limited to, the elimination of the AIR program, the elimination of the requirement for regular motor vehicle emissions inspections, and the appropriate reduction of the emissions inspection fee.

**SECTION 14.** 43-2-145 (1) (b) and (1.3) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**43-2-145. Transportation legislation review - committee - repeal.**

(1) (b) The committee shall meet at least once each year to review transportation, traffic, and motor vehicle legislation and may consult with experts in the fields of traffic regulation, the licensing of drivers, the registration and titling of motor vehicles, and highway construction and planning and may consult with the personnel of the department of transportation or the department of revenue as may be necessary; EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET DURING THE 2010 INTERIM. All personnel of the department of transportation, department of revenue, or any state agency or political subdivision of Colorado that regulates motor vehicles or traffic shall cooperate with the committee and with any persons assisting the committee in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section. The committee may review any phase of department of transportation operations, including planning and construction of highway projects, prior to and during the completion of such projects.

(1.3) (b) Each agency shall share information and coordinate efforts with other agencies in the research, planning, and development of mass transit systems to avoid the creation of duplicative or conflicting mass transit systems in the state. The committee may review the operations of any agency to ensure compliance with the provisions of this paragraph (b). In connection with the review of the committee, any agency required to share information and coordinate efforts in accordance with this paragraph (b) shall report to the committee no later than August 15, 2001, and each August 15 thereafter THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2009, AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2011, AND EACH AUGUST 15 THEREAFTER regarding

compliance with this paragraph (b).

**SECTION 15. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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