

**Second Regular Session**

**Sixty-second General Assembly**

LLS NO. R00-0845.01 Alice Ackerman

**STATE OF COLORADO**

BY REPRESENTATIVES McPherson, Tool, Berry, and Saliman;  
also SENATORS Teck, Lacy, Owen, and Tanner.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-1003**

101 CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ITS  
102 ESTIMATE OF STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND ALLOWABLE  
103 STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2000-01 BUDGET  
104 YEAR.

1 WHEREAS, The general assembly is required by section  
2 24-75-201.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, to make an annual certification  
3 of its estimate of general fund revenues for the next fiscal year to the  
4 controller; and

5 WHEREAS, Gross general fund revenues for the 2000-01 fiscal  
6 year, as estimated in this resolution, have already been obligated by law  
7 as follows:

8 (1) \$100,746,148 for transfer to the capital construction fund  
9 pursuant to section 24-75-302 (2) (m), Colorado Revised Statutes;

10 (2) Amounts required by statute to be used for: Payments to local  
11 governments based on state cigarette tax collections; property tax and  
12 heat or fuel expense grants; and payments to the fire and police members'  
13 benefit fund; and

14 WHEREAS, Under current law, general fund revenues must be  
15 used first to fund the obligations set forth above, second to fund  
16 appropriations for the executive, legislative, and judicial departments, and  
17 third to fund the reserve mandated by section 24-75-201.1 (1) (d),  
18 Colorado Revised Statutes; and

19 WHEREAS, The general assembly recognizes that new programs  
20 can be funded from the general fund only after these three priorities are  
21 satisfied; and

22 WHEREAS, If appropriate statutes are amended, additional  
23 general fund revenues could be realized; and

1           WHEREAS, The estimate of general fund revenues certified in this  
2 resolution does not include the balance carried forward from the  
3 1999-2000 fiscal year; and

4           WHEREAS, The general assembly intends to make an annual  
5 certification of its estimate of the total allowable state general fund  
6 appropriations under section 24-75-201.1, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

7           WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of section  
8 24-75-201.1, Colorado Revised Statutes, the estimate of the allowable  
9 state general fund appropriations for the 2000-01 fiscal year will be based  
10 upon the following conclusions:

11           (1) State general fund appropriations for the 1999-2000 fiscal  
12 year, prior to the enactment of any supplemental appropriations during  
13 the 2000 regular session, are \$4,989.0 million;

14           (2) The allowable increase in state general fund appropriations for  
15 the 2000-01 fiscal year is the cost of reappraisal of taxable property for  
16 property tax purposes as required by section 39-1-105.5, Colorado  
17 Revised Statutes, plus 6% of the 1999-2000 state general fund  
18 appropriations; and

19           WHEREAS, The revenue estimate and the estimate of allowable  
20 state general fund appropriations made pursuant to this resolution are  
21 made for the purpose of providing direction and guidance to the joint  
22 budget committee in the preparation of the 2000-01 general appropriation  
23 act and does not affect the ability of the general assembly to make  
24 spending decisions in the general appropriation act; and

25           WHEREAS, The revenue estimate and the estimate of allowable  
26 state general fund appropriations made pursuant to this resolution may be  
27 adjusted if additional relevant information is received by the general  
28 assembly after the adoption thereof; and

29           WHEREAS, For purposes of section 39 of article V of the state  
30 constitution, this resolution relates solely to the transaction of business  
31 of the two houses of the general assembly; now, therefore,

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33           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second*  
34 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
35 *herein:*

36           That, in accordance with section 24-75-201.3, Colorado Revised  
37 Statutes, the general assembly hereby certifies to the controller of the  
38 state of Colorado that the estimate of gross general fund revenues for the  
39 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, is \$6,519.1 million. The general  
40 assembly further certifies that the estimate of the allowable state general  
41 fund appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, under  
42 section 24-75-201.1, Colorado Revised Statutes, is \$5,288.3 million.

43           *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be

1 transmitted to the controller of the state of Colorado, Arthur L. Barnhart.  
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