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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-044

101 **CONCERNING AN INTERIM COMMISSION TO STUDY LONG-TERM FISCAL**
102 **STABILITY.**

1 WHEREAS, The budget challenges faced by the state this fiscal
2 year necessitate the formation of a commission to study the long-term
3 fiscal stability of the state, including but not limited to long-term
4 solutions for the economy, higher education funding, state transportation
5 funding, and affordable access to health care; and

6 WHEREAS, A collaborative effort involving all sectors of the
7 economic community is necessary to develop a bipartisan solution for the
8 state's fiscal stability; and

9 WHEREAS, The commission's charge should be broad in order to
10 grant flexibility to consider all solutions necessary to create long-term
11 fiscal stability; now, therefore,

12 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly*
13 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 (1) That there is hereby created the long-term fiscal stability
2 commission, hereinafter referred to as the "commission", which shall
3 meet during the interim after the 2009 Regular Session of the
4 Sixty-seventh General Assembly to study matters relating to long-term
5 fiscal stability.

6 (2) That the commission shall consist of fourteen members as
7 follows:

8 (a) Three members of the Senate, two appointed by the President
9 of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

10 (b) Three members of the House of Representatives, two
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one
12 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

13 (c) Two people from the Governor's office appointed by the
14 Governor; and

15 (d) Six people representing the business community, the
16 transportation sector, the health care sector, and higher education,
17 appointed as follows:

18 (I) Two people appointed by the President of the Senate;

19 (II) One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

20 (III) Two people appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives; and

22 (IV) One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the House
23 of Representatives.

24 (3) That the President of the Senate shall select a chair of the
25 commission and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select
26 a vice-chair of the commission.

27 (4) That the commission shall:

28 (a) Study the long-term fiscal stability of the state, including but
29 not limited to long-term solutions for higher education and transportation
30 funding and affordable access to health care;

31 (b) Develop a five-year long-term strategic plan for state fiscal
32 stability that may be amended on a yearly basis to reflect then-existing
33 economic realities; and

34 (c) Consider other issues as needed.

35 (5) That the meetings of the commission shall be public meetings.

36 (6) That the commission may request information from other
37 sources, including but not limited to the National Conference of State
38 Legislatures and former members of the General Assembly.

1 (7) That the commission shall submit written findings and
2 recommendations and any recommended legislation to the Legislative
3 Council no later than October 1, 2009. The commission shall be limited
4 to proposing seven bills. Legislation recommended by the commission
5 shall be subject to the interim committee deadlines pursuant to the Joint
6 Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

7 (8) That the Legislative Council Staff and the Office of
8 Legislative Legal Services shall be available to assist the commission in
9 carrying out its duties.

10 (9) That the legislative members of the commission shall be
11 compensated as provided in section 2-2-307, Colorado Revised Statutes,
12 for attendance at meetings of the commission and that all expenditures
13 incurred by the commission shall be approved by the chair of the
14 Legislative Council and paid by vouchers and warrants drawn as provided
15 by law from moneys allocated to the Legislative Council for interim
16 committees from appropriations made by the General Assembly.