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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-044

101 CONCERNING AN INTERIM COMMISSION TO STUDY _____ FISCAL
102 STABILITY.

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

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

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

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Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly

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.

SENATE
Final Reading
May 1, 2009

1 of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

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

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

8 (a) (I) Six legislative members as follows:

9 (A) Three members of the Senate, two appointed by the President
10 of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
11 and

12 (B) Three members of the House, two appointed by the Speaker
13 of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Minority
14 Leader of the House of Representatives.

15 (II) The President of the Senate shall select a chair of the
16 commission, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select
17 a vice-chair of the commission.

18 (III) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives shall make the appointments and selections specified in
20 this paragraph (a) no later than 30 days after the certification of funds
21 pursuant to subsection (7) of this resolution has been made to the Speaker
22 of the House of Representative and the President of the Senate.

23 (b) (I) Ten additional members, appointed as follows:

24 (A) Three by the President of the Senate;

25 (B) Two by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

26 (C) Three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

27 (D) Two by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

28 (II) The appointments specified in subparagraph (I) of this
29 paragraph (b) shall be made no later than 30 days after the certification
30 of funds pursuant to subsection (7) of this resolution has been made to the
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

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33 (3) That the commission shall:

34 (a) Study the fiscal stability of the state, including but not limited
35 to solutions for higher education and transportation funding, affordable
36 access to health care, and the creation and adequate funding of a state
37 rainy day fund;

38 (b) Develop a strategic plan for state fiscal stability that may be
39 amended on a yearly basis to reflect then-existing economic realities; and

- 1 (c) Consider other issues as needed.
- 2 (4) That the meetings of the commission shall be public meetings.
- 3 (5) That the commission may request information from other
4 sources, including but not limited to the National Conference of State
5 Legislatures, representatives from state and local government, private
6 businesses, nonprofit organizations, and appropriate trade groups to
7 provide testimony, written comments, and other relevant data to the
8 commission.
- 9 (6) That the commission shall submit written findings and any
10 recommended legislation to the Legislative Council no later than
11 November 6, 2009. The commission shall be limited to proposing five
12 bills. If a legislative member of the commission chooses to carry a bill
13 recommended by the commission in the following legislative session,
14 such commission bills shall not count against the individual legislator's
15 bill limits set forth in the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of
16 Representatives. Legislation recommended by the commission shall be
17 subject to the interim committee deadlines pursuant to the Joint Rules of
18 the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- 19 (7) That the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
20 President of the Senate shall designate a nonprofit or private organization
21 as the custodian of the funds for the commission. Such organization is
22 authorized to receive and expend any funds necessary for the operation
23 of the commission. In addition, such organization shall prepare a budget
24 for the operation of the commission. Prior to the expenditure of any
25 moneys received, the organization shall transmit a copy of the operating
26 budget to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
27 of the Senate and shall certify that there is adequate funding available to
28 cover the expenses identified in the operating budget.
- 29 (8) That any staff needed to assist the commission in conducting
30 its duties may be provided by nonprofit agencies, private groups, the
31 majority staff of the Senate and House of Representatives, or staff of the
32 legislative council and of the office of legislative legal services if moneys
33 are credited to a cash fund of the legislative department in an amount
34 sufficient to fund staff assistance.
- 35 (9) That the legislative members of the commission shall not
36 receive payment of per diem.
- 37 (10) That all costs incurred by the commission, including but not
38 limited to the costs of research and analysis, compensation for any
39 nonprofit agency or private group that assists the commission by
40 supplying staff support, and any expenses incurred or compensation
41 received by members of the commission, shall be paid by contributions,
42 grants, services, and in-kind donations from private sources.