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MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Members of the Legislative Council Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Prioritization of Interim Study Proposals

The Legislative Council serves as the committee of reference for all bills and joint resolutions that create or authorize interim studies or that allocate additional legislative staff resources during the interim.

The legislature is budgeted with resources to support five interim committees during the 2012 interim. However, two interim studies authorized during the 2011 legislative session will carry on through FY 2012-13. These multi-year studies were authorized by Senate Bill 11-111 (Educational Success Task Force) and Senate Bill 11-200 (Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee). As a result, funding is available in FY 2012-13 for only three additional interim committees or task forces that require legislative staff support. The following page lists the current Legislative Service Agency Committees and Table 1 shows the Ongoing Statutory Committees.

Table 2 lists the studies requesting funding and other bills not seeking funding that the Legislative Council will review at its April 25, 2012, meeting at 7:30 a.m., in House Committee Room 0112. The table includes the enacting legislation of each study, along with a summary of each study and its repeal date.

In addition, the following bills are in the process and are expected to be routed to the Legislative Council Committee at a later date:

- House Bill 12-1099 - Pilot Project for Hemp Remediation Pilot Program
- House Bill 12-1218 - Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission
- House Bill 12-1278 - South Platte Groundwater Study Augmentation
- Senate Bill 12-002 - Civil Unions
- Senate Bill 12-019 - The Colorado On-time Budget Act of 2012
- Senate Bill 12-086 - Study Cost of Regulatory Compliance
- Senate Bill 12-139 - Coordination of Work Support Assistance

The following committees and studies are authorized for the 2012 interim.

**Legislative Service Agency Committees**

- **Legislative Council/Executive Committee** (Section 2-3-301, C.R.S.)
- **Joint Budget Committee** (Section 2-3-201, C.R.S.)
- **Committee on Legal Services** (Section 2-3-502, C.R.S.)
- **Legislative Audit Committee** (Section 2-3-101, C.R.S.)

**Table 1  
Ongoing Statutory Committees**

Committee	Citation	Repeal
<b>Capital Development Committee (CDC)</b>	Section 2-3-1302, C.R.S.	July 1, 2014 (Section 2-3-1308, C.R.S.)
<b>Capitol Building Advisory Committee</b>	Section 24-82-108, C.R.S.	The section of law that requires the advisory committee to review, advise, and make recommendations to the CDC regarding fund-raising efforts for the repair of the state capitol dome repeals July 1, 2012.
<b>Transportation Legislation Review Committee</b>	Section 43-2-145, C.R.S.	N/A
<b>Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission</b>	Section 31-31-1001, C.R.S.	N/A
<b>Water Resources Review Committee</b>	Section 37-98-102, C.R.S.	N/A
<b>Study of the Mentally Ill in the Criminal Justice System</b>	Section 18-1.9-103, C.R.S.	January 15, 2015
<b>Educational Success Task Force</b>	Section 22-7-1101, C.R.S.	July 1, 2013
<b>Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee</b>	Section 10-22-107, C.R.S.	N/A

**Table 2**  
**Bills Assigned to the Legislative Council Committee**

Bill Number	Short Title	Summary	Repeal
HB 09-1064 <i>Representative Kefalas</i> <i>Senator Sandoval</i> (Section 2-2-1401, C.R.S.)	Economic Opportunity Poverty Task Force	<p align="center"><b>Bills Requesting to be Funded as an Interim Study</b></p> Created the Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force to: assess current state practices that promote economic opportunity and poverty reduction; develop a strategic, integrated, and comprehensive plan to expand economic opportunities in Colorado; and, by 2019, to reduce by at least 50 percent the number of Coloradans, including children and families, living in poverty. The task force consists of 5 members of the House and 5 members of the Senate. The task force can request that it be funded as an interim study by Legislative Council. If prioritized, the task force would use LCS and OLLS Staff. The task force can also seek outside funding. The task force has been using outside staff.	July 1, 2014

**Table 2 (Cont.)  
Bills Assigned to the Legislative Council Committee**

Bill Number	Short Title	Summary	Repeal
Senate Bill 12-078 <i>Senator Hudak</i> <i>Representative Schafer</i>	Protections For At-Risk Adults	Creates the Elder Abuse Task Force. The task force is charged with studying the problem of mistreatment and exploitation of at-risk elderly adults in Colorado and preparing recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly by December 1, 2012. Consists of 17 representatives of various state and local agencies. The bill specifies that Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services will not provide staff support to the task force, but does not specify who will staff.	November 2, 2013
House Bill 12-1124 <i>Representative Massey</i> <i>Senator Johnston</i>	Colorado Digital Learning Study	Directs the Department of Education to commission a study of digital learning in Colorado, including: how to effectively integrate digital learning into public schools throughout the state; how to make high-quality digital content and learning available to all students; and the costs of integrating digital learning into the statewide system of public education. The study must be submitted to the Colorado Board of Education and the Education Committees of the General Assembly by January 31, 2013. The study would be staffed by an outside state agency.	July 1, 2013

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Bills Assigned to the Legislative Council Committee**

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House Bill 12-1241 <i>Representative Ferrandino</i> <i>Senator Heath</i>	Review Enterprise Zone Designations	<p>Creates the Enterprise Zone Review Task Force. The task force is charged with reviewing: the criteria for designation of an enterprise zone; the tax credits available to assess their effectiveness in achieving the purposes of the enterprise zones and expanding economic development in such zones; and all other issues related to enterprise zones that the task force finds necessary. Consists of 15 public members and representatives of various state agencies appointed by the Office of Economic Development. The task force would be staffed by an outside state agency. Any recommendations are required to be presented to the Legislative Audit Committee in conjunction with the annual presentation already required by law and reported to the Finance Committees of the House and the Senate. The bill requires the director of the Colorado Economic Development Commission to notify the State Auditor when the review is completed. The State Auditor is then required to commence a performance audit of the review undertaken and to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly.</p>	July 1, 2014