

HJR1020_L.001

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

 Chairman of Committee

 Date
Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HJR09-1020 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed joint resolution, page 2, after line 1, insert the following:

2 "WHEREAS, Education funding in Colorado has not kept pace
3 with student growth and inflation, and even under the provisions of
4 Amendment 23 will not reach 1988 funding levels by the year 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado school districts have experienced
6 significant cuts in funding for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years, and
7 are struggling to sustain current levels of programs and services; and";

8 after line 27, insert the following:

9 "WHEREAS, School districts have encountered and will continue to
10 incur additional costs in achieving proficiency for all students; and";

11 line 28, strike "The" and substitute "It is possible that the";

12 strike line 32 and substitute the following:

13 "education, though it is also the case that current levels of funding do
14 not allow school districts to provide a twenty-first century education
15 for Colorado's students; and";

16 line 38, strike "school districts and charter";

17 after line 39, insert the following:

18 "WHEREAS, In addition to considering changes to the "Public



1 School Finance Act of 1994" in an effort to implement education reform,
2 it is also critical to consider changes that would allow school districts to
3 continue to offer services or restore services that were scaled back or
4 eliminated due to recent decreases in funding for public education from
5 preschool through the twelfth grade; and".

6 Page 3, line 2, after "reform,", insert "to analyze the needs of public
7 school facilities throughout the state,";

8 line 36, strike "and";

9 line 40, after "graduation;", insert "and";

10 after line 40, insert the following:

11 "(j) Whether the current system by which school districts pay for
12 capital facility needs is thorough and uniform;" .

13 Page 4, strike lines 22 through 25 and substitute the following

14 "(7) That, to aid the committee in its work, the Legislative Council
15 Staff shall have the authority to solicit input from the members of the
16 public, including but not necessarily limited to:

17 (a) Those members of the public with expertise related to school
18 finance issues;

19 (b) Representatives of school districts, such as school
20 administrators, teachers, charter school representatives, and school board
21 members;

22 (c) Stakeholders representing all aspects of public education, such
23 as school districts and their employees, educators, students, parents,
24 statewide associations, education-related organizations, foundations,
25 school board members, members of the State Board of Education, the
26 Governor's P-20 Council, and the Colorado Department of Education; and

27 (d) Any other stakeholders representing education issues or
28 experts related to school finance issues;" .

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