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SENATE BILL 11-174

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A STATE FUND OF FUNDS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill establishes the fund of funds advisory board. A fund of funds is a pool of capital that is raised to be invested by a management team in multiple venture and private equity partnerships. The advisory board is required to create a report, which it will present to the finance committees of the house of representatives and the senate, that includes the following:

! An analysis of any fund of funds created in other states;

 A recommendation as to whether a fund of funds can be implemented in the state; A recommendation as to the optimal structure for the state fund of funds, if one is feasible; and Identification of any possible sources of public moneys to be invested in the state fund of funds.
A copy of the report will be available on the web site maintained by the Colorado economic development commission.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
SECTION 1. Article 46 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:
PART 4
FUND OF FUNDS ADVISORY BOARD
24-46-401. Legislative declaration. (1) The GENERAL
ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
(a) THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF SEED AND VENTURE
CAPITAL RESOURCES IN THE STATE;
(b) This shortage could result in entrepreneurs being
FORCED TO RELOCATE TO RAISE CAPITAL AND CAUSE A DECLINE IN THE
NUMBER OF COMPANIES THAT ACHIEVE LONG-TERM SUCCESS IN
INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIES;
(c) IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO FIND NEW WAYS TO GENERATE
VENTURE CAPITAL THAT CAN BE INVESTED IN AND GROW
COLORADO-BASED EMERGING COMPANIES, WHICH WILL GROW THE STATE
ECONOMY;
(d) A fund of funds is a vehicle to make and manage
INVESTMENTS IN PRIVATE EQUITY FUNDS, WHICH IN TURN INVEST
DIRECTLY IN PRIVATE COMPANIES;
(e) A FUND OF FUNDS WOULD:

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(I) DEEPEN THE CAPITAL POOL;

- 2 (II) EXPAND THE NUMBER OF VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS ACTIVE IN
 3 THE STATE;
- 4 (III) STIMULATE MORE INVESTMENT FROM EXISTING CAPITAL
 5 FUNDS; AND
- 6 (IV) ENHANCE DEAL FLOW AND FINANCING VOLUME;
- 7 (f) TWENTY-THREE STATES CURRENTLY HAVE A FUND OF FUNDS;8 AND
- 9 (g) IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS OF A COLORADO FUND OF
 10 FUNDS, IT IS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY A SOURCE OF PUBLIC MONEYS THAT
 11 CAN BE USED TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT.
- 12 (2) IN ENACTING THIS PART 4, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL
 13 ASSEMBLY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A STATE FUND OF
 14 FUNDS BY ESTABLISHING A FUND OF FUNDS ADVISORY BOARD THAT WILL
 15 PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 16 24-46-402. Definitions. As used in this part 4, unless the
 17 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
- 18 (1) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE FUND OF FUNDS ADVISORY
 19 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 24-46-403 (1).
- 20 (2) "FUND OF FUNDS" MEANS A POOL OF CAPITAL THAT IS RAISED
 21 TO BE INVESTED BY A MANAGEMENT TEAM IN MULTIPLE VENTURE AND
 22 PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS.
- 23 24-46-403. Fund of funds advisory board created report.
 24 (1) (a) THE FUND OF FUNDS ADVISORY BOARD IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE
 25 COMMISSION. THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF NINE MEMBERS, OF
 26 WHOM FIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TWO SHALL BE
 27 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND TWO SHALL BE

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APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
 MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2011,
 WITH TERMS THAT EXPIRE ON JULY 1, 2012. THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING
 AUTHORITY SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT FOR THE
 REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM.

6 (b) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MUST BE A RESIDENT OF
7 THIS STATE AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN VENTURE CAPITAL, INVESTMENT
8 BANKING, INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT, FUND MANAGEMENT, OR BANKING.

9 (c) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
 10 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

(2) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2012, THE ADVISORY BOARD
SHALL PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING A POTENTIAL STATE FUND OF
FUNDS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) AN ANALYSIS OF ANY FUND OF FUNDS CREATED IN OTHER15 STATES;

16 (b) A RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER A FUND OF FUNDS CAN BE
17 IMPLEMENTED IN THE STATE;

18 (c) A RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE OPTIMAL STRUCTURE FOR THE
19 STATE FUND OF FUNDS, IF ONE IS FEASIBLE; AND

20 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE SOURCES OF PUBLIC MONEYS
21 TO BE INVESTED IN THE STATE FUND OF FUNDS.

(3) (a) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012, THE ADVISORY BOARD
SHALL PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
COMMITTEES.

26 (b) A COPY OF THE REPORT SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE
27 MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSION.

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24-46-404. Repeal of part. THIS PART 4 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
 JULY 1, 2012.

3 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 4 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 6 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a 7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the 8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act 9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 10 11 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official 12 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.