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**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 11-0730.01 Esther van Mourik

**HOUSE BILL 11-1209**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Jones,** Looper, Massey

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

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**House Committees**

Economic and Business Development

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR BY THE**  
102             **SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER UNDER THE OFFICE OF**  
103             **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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**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 requires the small business assistance center under the office of economic development to create a small business navigator to provide a single point of contact for small businesses in order to facilitate and assist small businesses by:

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.*

- ! Diagnosing problems;
- ! Making referrals to small business development centers, the business advancement center operated by the university of Colorado, or other such centers or organizations;
- ! Providing information regarding state government contracting offices and processes;
- ! Providing assistance with state rules; and
- ! Conducting any follow-up with the small business as needed.

The bill also requires the office of economic development to advise and provide guidance to the small business navigator.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2       **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that the Colorado office of economic  
4 development shall complete only those tasks specified in House Bill  
5 11-1209, enacted in 2011, that the office can currently do at no cost and  
6 shall then transition to other tasks as resources become available and as  
7 such tasks become cost effective.

8       **SECTION 2.** 24-48.5-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read:

10       **24-48.5-101. Colorado office of economic development -**  
11 **creation.** (3) The Colorado office of economic development shall advise  
12 and provide guidance to THE SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR DESCRIBED IN  
13 SECTION 24-48.5-102 AND SHALL ADVISE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO  
14 coordinate activities of small business development centers and the  
15 business advancement center operated by the university of Colorado.

16       **SECTION 3.** 24-48.5-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18       **24-48.5-102. Small business assistance center.** (1) In addition  
19 to the powers and duties specified in section 24-48.5-101, the Colorado

1 office of economic development shall include the small business  
2 assistance center, which shall provide comprehensive information on the  
3 federal, state, and local requirements necessary to begin a business and  
4 shall make this information available to the public. THE SMALL BUSINESS  
5 ASSISTANCE CENTER SHALL ALSO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS NAVIGATOR  
6 THAT SHALL PROVIDE A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES  
7 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES BY:

8 (a) DIAGNOSING PROBLEMS;

9 (b) PROVIDING INFORMATION AND STREAMLINING REFERRALS TO  
10 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, THE COLORADO CREDIT  
11 RESERVE PROGRAM, THE FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE, OR  
12 OTHER SUCH CENTERS OR ORGANIZATIONS;

13 (c) PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING STATE GOVERNMENT  
14 CONTRACTING OFFICES AND PROCESSES;

15 (d) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH STATE RULES; AND

16 (e) CONDUCTING ANY FOLLOW-UP WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS AS  
17 NEEDED.

18 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.