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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1011

101 **CONCERNING CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY HIGHER**
102 **EDUCATION GOVERNANCE ISSUES.**

1 WHEREAS, The current governance structure for higher education
2 in the state of Colorado was established through legislation enacted in
3 1985, and the General Assembly has not considered legislation making
4 significant changes to the governance structure for higher education since
5 that time; and

6 WHEREAS, The demand and need for higher education has
7 increased significantly since 1985 due, in part, to population growth and
8 advances in technology that drive changes in the educational needs of
9 Colorado students; and

10 WHEREAS, It is essential that the higher education needs of
11 students in all areas of the state, particularly the rural areas, are
12 adequately, efficiently, and effectively met; and

13 WHEREAS, During the first regular session of the sixty-second
14 General Assembly, the General Assembly adopted House Bill 99-1289
15 requiring a study" to reexamine higher education performance in the state

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1 and determine whether changes and improvements may be made in the
2 delivery of higher education services to more effectively serve Colorado's
3 citizens throughout the state"; and

4 WHEREAS, The study has been completed by the Northwest
5 Educational Research Center ("NORED") and recommendations were
6 made in a report entitled, "Steady Progress: A Program for Colorado
7 Higher Education at the Dawn of the 21st Century"; and

8 WHEREAS, The study finds that public expectations of higher
9 education are changing dramatically and that "interest in access and
10 certification, financial scarcity, the expanding application of information
11 technologies, and a persistent emphasis on economic competitiveness
12 argue for reconsideration of the manner in which [the state system of
13 higher education] is governed and managed"; and

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15 WHEREAS, To ensure the effectiveness, efficacy, and success of
16 implementing some of the governance changes suggested by the study, the
17 General Assembly needs to undertake careful consideration of the fiscal
18 implications for individual state-supported institutions of higher education
19 and for the statewide system of higher education as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, Prior to implementation of governance changes for
21 selected state-supported institutions of higher education it is appropriate
22 to reexamine and adjust, if necessary, the roles and missions of each of
23 the state-supported institutions of higher education; now, therefore,

24 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*
25 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

26 (1) That there is hereby created an interim committee to work
27 through the 2001 interim to examine the role and mission of each of the
28 state-supported institutions of higher education including but not limited
29 to each institution's admission standards and services areas. In examining
30 the institutional roles and missions the interim committee may
31 recommend legislation to implement changes to the role and mission of
32 one or more state-supported institutions of higher education including but
33 not limited to changes to an institution's admission standards and service
34 areas.

35 (2) The interim committee shall consist of nineteen members. The
36 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate
37 shall appoint the members of the committee no later than thirty days after
38 passage of this resolution, as follows:

39 (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

40 (I) Five members of the House of Representatives one of whom
41 shall be named the chairperson of the interim committee no more than
42 three of whom shall be from the same political party, and at least one of
43 whom shall be from rural Colorado;

1 (II) One representative of the Colorado commission on higher
2 education;

3 (III) One representative of the state board of agriculture;

4 (IV) One representative of the board of trustees of the state
5 colleges in Colorado;

6 (V) One representative of the board of trustees of the Colorado
7 school of Mines; and

8 (VI) One person who is enrolled as a traditional student at a
9 state-supported institution of higher education in this state and who is a
10 representative of a statewide organization that represents the interests of
11 higher education students.

12 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

13 (I) Four senators, one of whom shall be named the
14 vice-chairperson of the interim committee, no more than three of whom
15 shall be from the same political party, and at least one of whom shall be
16 from rural Colorado;

17 (II) One representative of the Colorado commission on higher
18 education;

19 (III) One representative of the university of Colorado board of
20 regents;

21 (IV) One representative of the board of trustees for the University
22 of Northern Colorado;

23 (V) One representative of the state board for community colleges
24 and occupational education; and

25 (VI) One person who is enrolled as a nontraditional student at a
26 state-supported institution of higher education in this state and who is a
27 representative of a statewide organization that represents the interests of
28 higher education students.
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30 (3) That the interim committee shall meet six times and shall take
31 public testimony that, at a minimum, shall include testimony from each of
32 the four-year state-supported institutions of higher education.

33 (4) That the interim committee shall make findings and
34 recommendations regarding the issues reviewed in this study, and shall
35 submit a written report on the interim committee's findings and
36 recommendations, including but not limited to any recommendations for
37 legislation, to the General Assembly no later than November 15, 2001.
38 Legislation recommended by the interim committee shall be treated as
39 legislation recommended by any other interim committee for purposes of
40 any introduction deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the Joint Rules
41 of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

1 (5) That the legislative members of the interim committee shall be
2 paid compensation as provided in section 2-2-307, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, for attendance at meetings of the interim committee.

4 (6) That the non-legislative members of the interim committee
5 shall serve without compensation.

6 (7) That the Legislative Council staff, the Office of Legislative
7 Legal Services, and the department of higher education shall be made
8 available to assist the interim committee in carrying out its duties.

9 (8) That all expenditures incurred while conducting this study
10 shall be approved by the chair of the Legislative Council and paid by
11 vouchers and warrants drawn as provided by law from moneys allocated
12 to the Legislative Council for legislative studies from appropriations made
13 by the General Assembly.