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Interim Committee Joint Resolution

Long-term Fiscal Stability Commission

SHORT TITLE: "Request For Comprehensive Tax Study"

COMMITTEE JOINT RESOLUTION 101 CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TAX STUDY. WHEREAS, The General Assembly is constitutionally obligated 2 to provide by law for an annual tax sufficient, with other resources, to 3 defray the estimated expenses of state government and is authorized to 4 vest counties, cities, towns, districts, or other local government entities 5 with the power to assess and collect taxes; and WHEREAS, The state constitution requires that the General 6 7 Assembly assure just and equalized valuations for assessment of 8 nonexempt real and personal property; and 9 WHEREAS, The tax policy of the state has not been 10 comprehensively studied since 1958; and 11 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the state's revenue system 12 will aid the General Assembly in carrying out its obligation to assure the 13 equitable distribution of state and local tax burdens among Colorado 14 taxpayers; and 15 WHEREAS, In this time of significant budget cuts, revenue

1 2 3	shortfalls, and economic uncertainty, it is impossible for the General Assembly to fund a comprehensive tax study from its budget; now, therefore,
4 5	Be It Resolved by the of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the concurring herein:
6 7	(1) That the General Assembly requests a comprehensive tax study be performed and that such study be funded by the private sector;
8 9	(2) That the comprehensive tax study consider, but not be limited to, the following:
10 11	(a) A nonpartisan review of tax policy of the state and local governments in Colorado;
12 13 14	(b) Whether changes in tax policy or tax laws would aid in ensuring the equitable distribution of state and local tax burdens among Colorado taxpayers;
15 16 17	(c) The relationship of state and local taxes to the long-term economic growth and prosperity of the state, its communities, and its citizens;
18 19 20	(d) The burdens on individuals and businesses resulting from taxes imposed by the state and by local governments and how these burdens have changed over time;
21 22	(e) The changing burdens on the state and local governments in financing the provision of public services to the residents of Colorado;
23 24 25 26	(f) Recommendations concerning the optimum combination of broad-based state and other state and local taxes to adequately finance future needs for state and local government services and equitably distribute the burdens on taxpayers;
27 28 29 30	(g) Future trends that might create financial impacts on the state and local governments within the next ten years and evaluating the ability of the tax base of the state and local governments to respond to those trends;
31 32	(h) The rates, bases, credits, and exemptions of each state and local tax; and
33 34	(i) The potential revenue and expenditure limitations for state and local governments.
35 36 37	(3) That the General Assembly requests a report be generated and provided to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly in January 2011.

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