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**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Dan Pabon

**Subject:** Request for interim study committee regarding Use of Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax Revenues

**Date:** April 24, 2014

I hereby request in writing that an interim study committee be formed to study during the interim between the 2014 and 2015 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Use of Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax Revenues interim study committee."

The scope of the policy issues to be studied are an evaluation and recommendations regarding the appropriate use of sales tax revenue generated by recreational marijuana sales in Colorado. The committee shall examine, at a minimum:

1. the appropriation and prioritization of sales tax revenue;
2. the impact of the retail sale of marijuana on underage use, substance abuse, and prevention measures; and,
3. best practices and evidence-based programs for addressing marijuana related impacts.

The interim study committee would need to meet no more than **6** times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of **6** members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- **3** members of the Senate, with **2** appointed by the President of the Senate, and **1** appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- **3** members of the House of Representatives, with **2** appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and **1** appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives

Nonlegislative members will have a role in the interim study committee. The following **15** entities have critical knowledge and experience in the issues to be discussed and decided upon and need to participate in the conversation:

1. Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services, or his/her designee.
2. Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, or his/her designee.
3. Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, or his/her designee.
4. Chair of the Colorado Criminal & Juvenile Justice Commission or his/her designee.
5. The State Director of Marijuana Coordination, or his/her designee.
6. Executive Director of the Colorado District Attorney's Council, or his/her designee.
7. The Colorado State Public Defender, or his/her designee.
8. A representative of a statewide association of counties, as appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
9. A representative of a statewide association of towns and cities, as appointed by the President of the Senate.
10. A representative of a residential treatment center, as appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
11. A provider of substance use prevention services, as appointed by the President of the Senate.
12. A hospital services provider, as appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
13. A member of law enforcement, as appointed by the President of the Senate.
14. A representative of the K-12 community, as appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.
15. A representative of the higher education community, as appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will need **2** bills to address the issues it studies.

**Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request**

The Colorado Department of Revenue and the Colorado Department of Public Safety may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee.

The interim study committee will conduct no meetings outside of the State Capitol.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel R. Pabon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Representative Dan Pabon