



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 03-1033

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also SENATORS Anderson, Andrews, and Nichol.

CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF CONDUCT A STUDY OF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is experiencing an economic downturn that has reduced state revenues and affected the ability of the state to provide various programs and services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Several amendments to the state constitution, including section 20 of article X (the TABOR amendment), section 17 of article IX (Amendment 23), and section 3 (1) of article X (the Gallagher amendment) of the state constitution, interact so as to limit the ability of the state to address the economic downturn and maintain current service levels for the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, Those constitutional amendments were approved by the voters of the state at different times and without full knowledge of the impact the amendments would have on each other and the state's budgetary flexibility; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly needs to obtain thorough information on how these constitutional amendments interact with each other and certain existing statutory provisions and how they affect the state's budgetary flexibility in order to determine whether modifications to the amendments should be proposed to the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to section 2-3-304, Colorado Revised Statutes, the Legislative Council Staff is responsible for providing research services to the General Assembly and, upon direction of the General Assembly, is to conduct studies and provide information to the General Assembly; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That the Legislative Council Staff shall conduct a study of the interaction of the TABOR amendment, Amendment 23, the Gallagher amendment, and any other relevant constitutional and statutory provisions and how the amendments impact the ability of the state to provide funding for various programs and services to its citizens.

(2) That, in conducting the study, the Legislative Council Staff may consult with and obtain input and information from appropriate individuals and organizations.

(3) That, upon completion of the study, the Legislative Council Staff shall report its findings to the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly or such interim committee as it may designate by September 1, 2003. The report shall include options available to the General Assembly regarding what, if any, changes to constitutional or statutory provisions the General Assembly could pursue to better enable the state to fund necessary programs and services in times of economic weakness and reduced state revenues.

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