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SUBJECT: 2025 Interim Committee Information

Overview

- Currently, 25 committees are authorized to meet during the 2025 interim.
- In addition to the 25 committees, legislators may propose the creation of one-time letter interim committees. Letter interim committees are funded through the legislative budget, and must be approved by Legislative Council. In 2024, the Legislative Council approved two letter interim committees.
- In 2025, most interim committees must conclude their work by **November 15**. Interim committee bill drafting deadlines leading up to the November 15 deadline drive the interim committee calendar.
- Options for reducing costs related to interim committees include not funding letter interim committees; suspending all statutory interim committees or those that meet infrequently; and suspending or eliminating the payment of per diem and expense reimbursement for members who serve on up to 35 entities outside of the Legislative Branch.

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Statutory Interim and Year-Round Committees

Statutory Interim Committees

Statutory interim committees primarily meet during the legislative interim, and often exist for more than one year. Without action by the General Assembly during the 2025 session, 12 statutory interim committees will meet during the 2025 interim (see Attachment A).

Proposed statutory interim committees

Legislative Council must review legislation that creates new statutory interim committees by April 25, 2025. Currently, there is one bill pending that creates a statutory interim committee:

- **House Bill 25-1057– American Indian Affairs Interim Committee** (Duran/Weinberg & Simpson/Danielson) - [House Bill 25-1057](#) creates the American Indian Affairs Interim Committee consisting of six members of the General Assembly and allows the committee to meet through June 2030. This committee was originally created as a one-year letter interim committee in 2024.

Statutory interim committees set to repeal

Under current law, three committees will expire in 2025:

- Language Access Advisory Board, repealed January 1, 2025;
- Commission on Property Tax, repeals July 1, 2025; and
- Wildfire Matters Review Committee, repeals September 1, 2025.

Year-round Committees

In addition to statutory interim committees, 13 year-round committees may meet in the legislative interim (see Attachment B). These committees include legislative agency oversight committees, such as the Legislative Council, as well as the Capital Development Committee, Joint Technology Committee, and other committees.

Legislator Per Diem and Expenses

Legislators serving on statutory interim and year-round committees receive per diem and expense reimbursement for attending meetings in the interim. Table 1 on page 4 shows the number of committees and meetings, and the associated per diem costs, for statutory interim



committees from 2020 to 2024. Attachment C shows the potential FY 2025-26 budget for these expenses.

Letter and Executive Committee Resolution Interim Committees

Letter Interim Committees

Legislators may request the creation of an interim committee to meet during a single interim by writing a letter to the Legislative Council.¹ Legislative Council determines the number of letter interim committees created each year, and how many times each committee may meet.

Legislators receive per diem and expenses for serving on letter interim committees. The Legislative Council Staff Director of Research is required to inform the Executive Committee each year how many letter interim committee meetings are authorized, based on the amount allocated in the legislative budget.² In 2024, the budget contained funding for member per diem for eight meetings with an average of eight members per committee (\$6,336).

Executive Committee Resolution Interim Committees

State law permits the Executive Committee to form an interim committee after the conclusion of the legislative session.³ In recent years, the legislative budget has contained a funding set aside if a need arises to form these committees. In 2024, the budget contained funding for nine meetings with an average of six members per committee (\$5,346).

Table 1 shows the number of authorized letter and Executive Committee resolution interim committees and meetings, and the associated per diem costs, from 2020 to 2024.

¹ Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

² Joint Rule 24A (c.5) (2).

³ Section 2-3-303.3 (3) (c), C.R.S.



Table 1
Interim Committees, 2020 through 2024

Interim meetings and tours only. Excludes year-round committees.

Letter and Executive Committee Resolution Committees	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Funded Meetings	9	9	9	17	17
Actual Meetings/Tour Dates	-	-	-	8	10
Number of Committees	-	-	-	2	2
Legislative Members	-	-	-	17	12
Per Diem /a	-	-	-	\$7,227	\$7,311/b

Statutory Interim Committees*	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Actual Meetings/Tour Dates	1	72	47	69	56
Number of Committees	1	17	17	16	16
Legislative Members	9	137	137	127	116
Per Diem /a	\$891	\$60,192	\$34,535	\$55,935	\$53,736/b

Total Letter, Resolution, and Statutory Interim Committees	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Actual Meetings/Tour Dates	1	72	47	77	66
Number of Committees	1	17	17	18	18
Legislative Members	9	137	137	144	128
Per Diem /a	\$891	\$60,192	\$34,535	\$63,162	\$61,047/b

/a The per diem amount shown here is the per diem cost for meetings and tours actually held, assuming all members claimed. It is not the amount appropriated. Since not all members claim per diem, it is also not the actual cost.

/b Per diem costs for 2024 are based on an amount of \$121.85, which reflects the cost of member interim per diem (\$99), plus contributions for FAMLI, PERA, and Medicare. In previous years, per diem costs were calculated on the \$99 amount only. Of the totals shown, \$487 is from the Black Coloradan Racial Equity Study Cash Fund.

Timeline and Next Steps

Below is an outline of the letter interim committee timeline and next steps.

1. In **February**, members of leadership determine the funding for letter interim committees included in the introduced legislative budget.
2. By **March 14**, Legislative Council Staff distributes a letter to the General Assembly describing the process for legislators to request interim letter committees (see Attachment D).

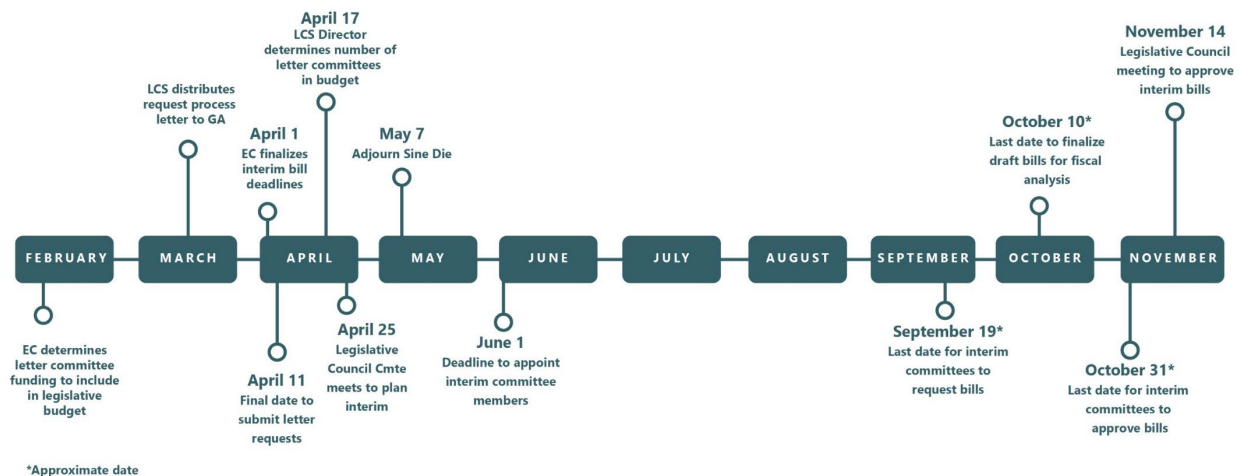


3. Legislators must submit requests for interim letter committees by **April 11**.
4. By **April 17**, the LCS Director informs the Executive Committee how many letter interim committee meetings may be funded in 2025.
5. On **April 25**, the Legislative Council meets to approve letter interim committees.

Interim Committee Deadlines

The Legislative Council must review bills recommended by letter and statutory interim committees by **November 14, 2025**.⁴ To meet this deadline, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council annually issues deadlines for interim committees to request and approve bills. These deadlines drive the interim committee meeting calendar. Figure 1 shows the relevant dates for interim committees in 2025 (some dates are estimates).

Figure 1
2025 Interim Committee Dates



Interim Committee Cost Saving Measures

As the Executive Committee considers options for reducing expenditures in FY 2025-26, possible areas for consideration include the following.

- **Option 1: Suspending or eliminating statutory committees that meet infrequently** (would require legislation).

⁴ Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D).



Explanation: At least three committees met one time or less during the 2024 interim: Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee (met no times in 2024); Statewide Health Care Review Committee (met no times in 2024); and Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee (met one time in 2024). Suspending these committees would save approximately \$2,400 member per diem and \$4,400 in member travel reimbursements in FY 2025-26.

- **Option 2: Suspending or eliminating the requirement to pay per diem and/or travel expenses to members appointed to outside entities** (would require legislation).

Explanation: There are at least 35 committees outside of the legislative branch on which members of the legislature are appointed to serve. Nearly all of these entities require payment of per diem and expenses for legislators. The per diem budget for serving on outside entities is approximately \$35,460 in FY 2025-26, and additional savings of approximately \$36,100 could accrue to the travel budgets of the House and Senate for eliminating the requirement to pay travel expenses for these activities. It is unclear how much of these expenses are actually claimed by legislators, as they may not realize that they are eligible for these expenses or may be unaware how to claim them since, unlike for interim committees, legislative committee staff do not facilitate these payments. In addition, members who participate virtually in meetings do not claim travel reimbursement for participation. Bills that create new outside entities with legislator membership should be evaluated to determine if legislator representation is necessary to achieve the goals of the entity. Thus far, three introduced bills create outside entities with legislative membership: [House Bill 25-1007](#) , [Senate Bill 25-045](#), and [Senate Bill 25-081](#).

- **Option 3: Suspending letter interim committees** (would not require legislation).

Explanation: The General Assembly could decline to include a funding set aside for letter interim committees in 2025, saving approximately \$6,300 in per diem costs.

- **Option 4: Reducing resolution interim committees** (would not require legislation).

Explanation: The General Assembly could reduce the funding set aside for interim committees formed by resolution during the legislative interim. In recent years, the budget has contained funding for nine meetings with an average of six members per committee (\$5,346). Staff recommends that at least three meetings be funded to give leadership the flexibility to respond to unexpected events. Reducing the set aside to three meetings would save approximately \$3,600 in per diem costs.



- **Option 5: Suspending statutory interim committees** (would require legislation).

Explanation: The General Assembly could suspend statutory interim committees (all committees shown in Table 3 – Attachment A), saving approximately \$45,600 in member per diem and \$49,640 in travel reimbursements in FY 2025.

Table II summarizes the options individually and cumulatively.

Table II: Interim Cost Saving Reduction Options FY 2025-26

Cost-Saving Option	Per Diem Savings FY 2025-26	Travel Savings FY 2025-26/a	Total FY 2025- 26
Option 1: Suspend committees that meet infrequently (total included in option 5)	2,437	4,380	6,827
Option 2: Eliminate per diem & travel reimbursement for outside entities	35,458	36,084	71,542
Option 3: Suspend Letter Interim Committees	6,336	Not Calculated/b	6,336
Option 4: Reduce Resolution Interim Committees to 3 meetings	3,564	Not Calculated/b	5,346
Option 5: Suspend Statutory Interim Committees (incorporates option 1)	45,618	49,640	95,258
Total	\$90,975	\$85,724	\$178,482

a/Travel savings include travel reimbursements for members for meetings at and away from the Capitol. To the extent that the suspended committees would have toured, additional cost savings will accrue to the Interim Committee travel line in the Legislative Council Staff budget.

b/ Travel costs for letter interim and resolution committee are not separately budgeted; however, eliminating or reducing these options would reduce member travel reimbursements in FY 2025-26 relative to the number of meetings that otherwise would have been authorized.

Interim Committee Creation and Structure

Legislative Council will review interim committee letter requests and legislation creating interim committees in April 2025. As the Legislative Council reviews interim committee legislation, staff respectfully requests consideration of the following issues.



Letter Interim Committees vs. Statutory Interim Committees

State law directs that interim committees be created through the letter process. Regardless, in recent years, interim committees have often been created through legislation. Creating interim committees through legislation, rather than the letter process, potentially raises the following issues.

- Committees created through legislation are more likely to exist for more than one year, or, in some cases, indefinitely. While some issues require multi-year consideration, creating multiple multi-year interim committees potentially limits the ability of the General Assembly to respond to new or changing circumstances (if, for instance, the number of interim committees must be limited due to staff or member capacity).
- The Legislative Council has less authority over committees created through legislation. The Legislative Council approves committees created through the letter process, and may adjust member size/composition, the number of bills the committee may introduce, and the number times the committee may meet. Committees created by bill are examined by Legislative Council, and may be changed by amendment, but the entire General Assembly also has this authority. In some cases, legislation has exempted interim committee legislation from review by Legislative Council.
- The General Assembly may not frequently examine committees with overlapping subjects or authority. If all interim committees were created through a single process, the Legislative Council would be able to compare the committees and ensure that their study charges are unique. Under the current system, the Legislative Council may not have ready knowledge of the entire universe of study committees that already exist and how the new proposals fit with existing committees.

Examples: Legislative Oversight Committee and Task Force Concerning Tax Policy; Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force; Commission on Property Tax

Interim Committee Structure

In recent years, the General Assembly has approved interim committees with unique compositions, timelines, or structures. In some cases, these unique attributes can challenge the typical interim committee staffing model and disrupt the deadlines by which interim committee legislation is prepared.



- **Committees staffed by nonpartisan legislative staff that contain few or no legislative members.** The nonpartisan staff of the legislature support the work of the Colorado General Assembly and individual members of the legislature. In recent years, nonpartisan staff have been directed to staff task forces with few or no legislative members. This increases workload for staff because nonlegislators may not be familiar with legislative norms, protocols, and deadlines. Further, legislative staff are versed in legislative policy and procedure, but may be less equipped to staff committees concerned with the execution of legislative policy, which is usually an Executive Branch function.

Examples: Jail Standards Commission; Task Force Concerning Tax Policy; Pension Review Subcommittee, Sales and Use Simplification Task Force; Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Task Force

- **Creating committees with task forces, subpanels, or advisory groups that require nonpartisan staff support to comply with open meetings requirements.** In recent years, the General Assembly has created a structure for several committees in which a panel of legislators oversees a task force of nonlegislators. The task force is directed to make recommendations to the oversight committee. Legislative staff are either directed to staff the nonlegislative panel, or the nonlegislative panel is not provided staff support at all.





Subcommittees of legislative committees are generally subject to open meeting requirements. While transparency around such meetings is desired, legislative staff are often charged with making sure these requirements are met for a subcommittee, even if they are not charged with staffing. For instance, in 2022-2023, the Jail Standards Commission formed subgroups to complete its work. Legislation directed that legislative staff should not provide staff support to subgroups of the commission, but, because the subgroups were considered to be legislative entities, it was determined that these meetings were subject to the Open Meetings Act and were required to be noticed and open. Even though legislative staff were directed not to staff the subpanels, they were put in the position of facilitating the subpanels' meetings by providing notice and video streaming. Some subpanels required administrative assistance to schedule meetings, to write and share materials, and to communicate with other commission members, which legislative staff provided.

Examples: Task Force on Economic Recovery and Relief; Affordable Housing Task Force; Behavioral Health Task Force; Jail Standards Commission; Jail Standards Commission subgroups



- **Directing nonpartisan staff to support committees that meet during the legislative session.** Nonpartisan staff are increasingly supporting “interim” committees that also meet during the legislative session, which can be a workload issue for staff and legislators.
Examples: Jail Standards Commission & Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards; Commission on Property Tax, Water Resources and Agricultural Review Committee
- **Directing nonpartisan staff to coordinate with hired facilitators.** Some committees have requested that legislative staff coordinate staffing with hired facilitators. In these arrangements, it can be difficult to determine appropriate roles and authority for each entity. Legislative norms and requirements, like public notice and recording of audio from meetings, further limit the flexibility for the hired facilitators.
Examples: Affordable Housing Task Force; Behavioral Health Task Force; Commission on Property Tax
- **Exempting committees from the process of reporting proposed legislation to Legislative Council.** Committees have been structured to bypass the traditional interim committee bill request and approval process. This has the effect of removing the authority of Legislative Council to approve interim committee bills and changing the timeframes in which committee legislation is requested and drafted. For instance, bills requested by the Legislative Oversight Committee on Colorado Jail Standards were requested and drafted after the deadlines for most other interim committee bills, when bill drafting and fiscal notes staff are turning their attention to the session workload.
Examples: Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards; Legislative Interim Committee on School Finance

Table III: Statutory Interim Committees Meeting During the 2025 Legislative Interim – Attachment A

Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee Section 10-22-107, C.R.S.*  	At least once annually; limited to 7 total meetings when the General Assembly is not in session. The committee may meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session.	10 members of the General Assembly; 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate, including 6 members from the Health and Business committees	8	The committee studies the implementation of Colorado's health exchange. It reviews and approves grants applied for by the exchange's board of directors to implement the exchange, approves the exchange's executive director, and recommends legislation on the operation of the exchange.	None
Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee Section 2-3-1503, C.R.S. 	At least once annually.	11 members, including 2 members from the House and 2 members from the Senate. Other members include individuals representing the nonpartisan legislative staff agencies.	Not limited	The committee is responsible for developing and updating a plan for the response by, and continuation of operations of, the General Assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic or disaster and may also recommend legislation on this topic.	None
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards Section 2-3-1901, C.R.S. 	No more than 4 times each year	6 members of the General Assembly; 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate	Up to 3 bills annually. The bills recommended by the commission are exempt from review and approval by Legislative Council.	The oversight commission may introduce legislation regarding jail standards and considers reports from the Jail Standards Advisory Committee.	September 1, 2033











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  Interim only;
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  Has a task force or subcommittee;
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Table III: Statutory Interim Committees Meeting During the 2025 Legislative Interim – Attachment A

Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy Part 4 of Article 21 of Title 39, C.R.S. 	Oversight Committee: At least 4 times each year, and at other times as it deems necessary. Oversight committee members must attend at least one task force meeting. Task Force: At least 6 times each year.	Oversight Committee: 6 members of the General Assembly; 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate. Task Force: 21 members, including 4 members representing the nonpartisan legislative staff agencies, 4 Executive Branch members, and 13 members of the public.	5	The committee studies tax policy, considers the policy considerations contained in the tax expenditure evaluations prepared by the State Auditor, and oversees the task force. The task force studies tax policy and develops and proposes tax policy modifications for committee consideration.	Dec. 1, 2031
Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee Section 10-22.3-101, C.R.S. 	Up to 6 times	10 members of the General Assembly; 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate	5	The committee must study the scope of the substance used disorder problem in Colorado; prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources; best practices; gaps; and possible legislative options to address substance use disorder.	September 1, 2026

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Table III: Statutory Interim Committees Meeting During the 2025 Legislative Interim – Attachment A

Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Pension Review Commission & Pension Review Subcommittee Section 24-51.1-101, C.R.S. 	Up to 6 meetings for the Commission and up to 6 meetings for the Subcommittee	Commission: 10 members of the General Assembly; 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate. Subcommittee: 14 members, including 4 legislators and 10 public members with knowledge of investment management, corporate or public finance, etc., appointed by the Speaker, President, Minority Leaders, Governor, and State Treasurer. Members of the subcommittee are required to attend at least one meeting per year of the board of trustees of PERA, the hearing of the Legislative Audit Committee when the committee reviews PERA's annual actuarial valuation; and the Joint Finance Committee SMART Act hearing on PERA.	5	The commission studies and proposes legislation relating to funding of police officers' and firefighters' pensions in this state and benefit designs of such pension plans. In addition, the commission studies and develops legislation regarding the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA). The subcommittee studies issues related to PERA and makes recommendations regarding the statutes governing PERA; suggests to enhancements that the association could make to its annual analysis; reviews PERA's annual actuarial valuation; issues an annual report on PERA achieving full funding by 2048, and makes recommendations to the commission regarding issues that the commission may wish to address through legislation.	None
Representative Hugh McKean Colorado Youth Advisory Council Review Committee Section 2-2-1305.5, C.R.S. 	Up to 3 times each interim	10 members, including 5 members of the General Assembly (4 legislative members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council and 1 member of the Legislative Council) and 5 non-voting members of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council	3	The review committee reviews the work of the Colorado Youth Advisory Council.	September 1, 2028














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Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force Section 39-26-801, et seq., C.R.S.  	As necessary during any legislative session or any interim between legislative sessions. The task force must meet at least 8 times.	15 members: 2 from the House and 2 from the Senate; a representative of the Department of Revenue; a representative of the Colorado Municipal League; a representative of Colorado Counties, Inc.; a member of a statewide association of small businesses; a member of the statewide chamber of commerce; a state and local sales and use tax law practitioner not employed by a home rule or statutory city or city and county; a member with sales and use tax accounting experience not employed by a home rule or statutory city or city and county; and one representative of a home rule or statutory city or city and county appointed by the Colorado Municipal League from each of its 4 population membership categories.	5 The task force must report to the Legislative Council by November 1 each year. The report may or may not include legislation.	The task force studies sales and use tax simplification between the state and local governments, including home rule municipalities, to identify opportunities and challenges within existing fiscal frameworks to adopt practical, revenue-neutral solutions that do not require constitutional amendments or voter approval.	July 1, 2026
Statewide Health Care Review Committee Section 10-16-221, C.R.S. 	No more than 2 times each interim, which can both be field trips.	No more than 10 members of the House and Senate Health Committees.	None	The committee studies health care issues that affect Colorado residents throughout the state.	None
Transportation Legislation Review Committee Section 43-2-145, C.R.S.  	At least once annually; limited to 6 total meetings. The committee conducts field trips with the authorization of the Executive Committee.	The committee consists of the membership of the House and Senate Transportation Committees.	5	The committee reviews transportation, traffic, and motor vehicle legislation and may consult with experts in the fields of traffic regulation, the licensing of drivers, the registration and titling of motor vehicles, and highway construction and planning.	None



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Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
<p>Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Legislative Oversight Committee & Task Force Section 18-1.9-101, et seq., C.R.S.</p>   	<p>Oversight committee: at least 3; limited to 6 total meetings. Task force: at least 6 times per year</p>	<p>Committee: 6 members of the General Assembly; 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate Task Force: 31 members who represent various state agencies, community agencies, and other entities and organizations relating to criminal and juvenile justice.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>The committee is responsible for overseeing the Treatment of Person with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System Task Force and recommending bills to implement the proposals studied by the task force.</p>	<p>July 1, 2027</p>










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Table IV: Year-Round Committees Meeting During the 2025 Legislative Interim – Attachment B

Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Artificial Intelligence Impact Task Force Section 2-3-1707, C.R.S. 	Must meet at least 5 times	2 members of the House and 2 members of the Senate; 22 additional public members	None	The task force must consider and propose recommendations regarding definitions of key terms; establishing notice and other protections for AI systems; algorithmic discrimination; governance of AI systems; and the use of facial recognition and biometric technology. The task force submits a report by February 1, 2025.	September 1, 2027
Black Coloradan Racial Equity Study Commission Section 2-2-2303, C.R.S. 	No more than 6 times during a calendar year. The commission may not meet during the legislative session, except that the commission may meet once a session following the receipt of an update from the History Colorado.	14 members including: 4 members of the General Assembly; 2 from the House and 2 from the Senate; and 10 public members, with expertise related to Black Coloradoans and law and racial justice.	None	The commission oversees a study to determine and make recommendations related to any potential historical and ongoing effects of slavery and subsequent system racism on Black Coloradoans that may be attributed to the state. The study consists of an economic analysis and historical research conducted by the History Colorado. The commission must submit a report about the study no later than 3 years after the commission’s effective date.	September 6, 2028
Capital Development Committee Section 2-3-1301, et seq., C.R.S. 	As often as necessary.	6 members of the General Assembly; 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate	Not limited	The committee is responsible for reviewing funding requests for capital projects from all state agencies, and making prioritized recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee.	None











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Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Capitol Building Advisory Committee Section 24-82-108, C.R.S. 	No less than 3 per year.	12 members including: 3 appointed by the Speaker, including 1 member of the House; 3 appointed by the President, including 1 member of the Senate; 3 appointed by the Governor; an architect, appointed by the Governor; and the following ex officio members: the President of the State Historical Society or designee and the Executive Director of the Department of Personnel and Administration or designee.	None	The committee must review plans to restore, redecorate, or reconstruct space within the state Capitol building and make recommendations to the Capital Development Committee based on such plans.	None
Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws Section 2-3-601 et seq., C.R.S. 	At least once annually at the call of the chair.	6 members; at least 2 must be members of the General Assembly and 2 must be members of the public. The members must be attorneys. The General Assembly appoints the members by joint resolution.	Not limited	The commission prepares a report containing its recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year concerning uniform laws and the proceedings and recommendations of the most recent meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.	None
Committee on Legal Services Section 2-3-502, C.R.S.  	At least twice each calendar year, but may meet as often as necessary.	10 members of the General Assembly including: The respective chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary committees or their designees; 4 members for the House, 1 of whom is an attorney; and 4 members of the Senate, 1 of whom is an attorney.	Not limited	The committee is the legislative oversight committee for the Office of Legislative Legal Services and oversees the review of executive branch agency rules among other legislative duties.	None












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Committee	Number of Meetings	Number of Members	Number of Bills	Study Topics	Repeal Date
Joint Budget Committee Section 2-3-201, et seq., C.R.S.  	As often as is necessary to perform its functions.	6 members of the General Assembly: 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate, including the Appropriations Committee chairs.	Not limited	The committee studies the management, operations, programs, and fiscal needs of the state government agencies and institutions of Colorado state government and holds hearings to review the executive budget and the budget requests of each state agency and institution, including capital construction, capital renewal, or controlled maintenance budget requests and information technology budget requests.	None
Joint Technology Committee Section 2-3-1701, et seq., C.R.S. 	At least once each year in order to review the Governor's budget submissions for information technology, and as often as necessary to perform its functions.	6 members of the General Assembly; 3 from the House and 3 from the Senate. The members of the committee should have experience in information technology, business analysis, or business process.	Not limited	The committee has oversight responsibility for major state technology projects and the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT).	None
Legislative Audit Committee Section 2-3-101, et seq., C.R.S.  	As often as necessary, but it shall meet at least once in each quarter of the calendar year.	8 members of the General Assembly: 4 from the House and 4 from the Senate.	Not limited	The committee is responsible for reviewing and releasing audit reports and recommending special studies. The committee also recommends an appointment for State Auditor to the leadership of the General Assembly every five years.	None










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<p>Legislative Council & Executive Committee of the Legislative Council Section 2-3-301, C.R.S.</p>  	<p>As often as necessary, but the council must meet at least quarterly.</p>	<p>Legislative Council: 18 members, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leaders of the House and Senate, the Minority Leaders of the House and Senate, and 6 members each from the House and Senate, appointed in proportion generally to party representation in each chamber.</p> <p>Executive Committee: 6 members consists of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Majority and Minority Leaders from each chamber.</p>	<p>Not limited</p>	<p>The Legislative Council is the legislative oversight committee for the Legislative Council Staff, and is responsible for approving the Legislative Council Staff budget, approving written requests for interim study committees, reviewing legislation created by committees that meet during the legislative interim, and reviewing the ballot information booklet prepared by Legislative Council Staff.</p> <p>The Executive Committee of the Legislative Council provides oversight over the legislative service agencies and their directors, establishes policies regarding legislative management and procedures, and introduces the annual legislative appropriation bill.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Statutory Revision Committee Section 2-3-901, et seq., C.R.S.</p> 	<p>The committee may meet as often as necessary, but it shall meet at least twice in each calendar year.</p>	<p>10 members including: 4 from the House; 4 from the Senate; and 2 nonvoting nonlegislative members, appointed by the Committee on Legal Services, who are attorneys-at-law admitted to practice in Colorado.</p>	<p>Not limited</p>	<p>The committee makes an ongoing examination of the statutes of the state and current judicial decisions for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law and recommending needed reforms.</p>	<p>None</p>














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Water Resources and Agricultural Review Committee Section 37-98-101, et seq. C.R.S.  	At least 4 times each year. At the discretion of the chair, the committee may take field trips during the calendar year.	10 members of the General Assembly; 5 from the House and 5 from the Senate.	3 bills, unless 2/3 of members vote to approve more. Maximum of 10 bills.	The committee studies the conservation, use, development, and financing of the water resources of Colorado for the general welfare of its inhabitants and reviews and proposes water resources legislation. The committee may also hold hearings on the Colorado State Water Plan. The committee also studies Colorado’s agricultural sector and the relationship between agriculture and water.	None

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Potential FY 2025-26 Per Diem Budget for Interim Committees
Excluding Single-Interim Letter and Resolution Committees

Committee	House Per Diem	Senate Per Diem	Total Per Diem	Expiration	Statute	Assumption, Interim Meetings Only
CO Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee	609	609	1,219	None	10-22-107	One meeting
CO Youth Advisory Council Review Committee	594	891	1,485	September 1, 2028	2-2-1305.5	Three meetings
Leg. Emerg. Preparedness, Response, & Recovery Cmt.	244	244	487	None	2-3-1503	One meeting
Leg Oversight Committee on CO Jail Standards	1,097	1,097	2,193	September 1, 2033	2-3-1503	Three meetings
Legislative Oversight Cmt. on Tax Policy & Task Force	1,828	1,485	3,313	December 31, 2031	39-21-403 & 404	Five meetings
Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Study Committee	3,656	3,656	7,311	September 1, 2026	10-22.3-101	Six meetings
Pension Review Commission	2,437	1,828	4,265	None	24-51.1-101	Four meetings
Pension Review Subcommittee	1,462	1,462	2,924	None	24-51.1-101 (3)(a)	Six meetings
Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force	1,219	1,219	2,437	July 1, 2026	39-26-802	Five meetings
Statewide Health Care Review Committee	1,219	1,219	2,437	None	10-16-221	Two meetings and field trips
Transportation Legislation Review Committee	6,580	6,580	13,160	None	43-2-145	Six meetings and field trips
Treatment of Persons with BHD in the Justice System	2,193	2,193	4,387	July 1, 2027	18-1.9-103	Six meetings
Subtotal, Statutory Committees	23,136	22,481	\$45,618			
	House	Senate	Total	Expiration	Statute	Assumption
Artificial Intelligence Impact Task Force	1,219	1,219	2,437	September 1, 2027	2-3-1701	Five meetings
Black Coloradan Racial Equity Study	1,219	1,219	2,437	2028	2-2-2303	Five meetings
Capital Development Committee	3,656	3,656	7,311	None	2-3-1302	Based on 2024 Interim
Capital Building Advisory Committee	487	487	975	None	24-82-108	Three meetings
Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws	244	244	487	None	2-3-601	Based on 2024 Interim
Committee on Legal Services	1,828	1,828	3,656	None	2-3-502	Based on 2024 Interim
Executive Committee of the Legislative Council	-	-	-	None	2-3-301	No budget, leaders are covered by leadership per diem
Joint Budget Committee	10,967	10,967	21,933	None	2-3-201	30 meetings
Joint Technology Committee	2,193	2,193	4,387	None	2-3-1702	Based on 2024 Interim
Legislative Audit Committee	4,874	4,874	9,748	None	2-3-101	Based on 2024 Interim
Legislative Council	2,193	2,193	4,387	None	2-3-301	Three meetings; excludes leadership
Statutory Revision Committee	975	975	1,950	None	2-3-901	Two meetings
Water Resources Review Committee	6,093	6,093	12,185	None	37-98-102	Four meetings and field trips
Subtotal, Year-Round Committees	35,946	35,946	\$71,892			
	House	Senate	Total	Expiration	Statute	Assumption, Interim Meetings Only
Subtotal, 35 Separate Committees, Boards, Task Forces	\$17,912	\$17,546	\$35,458	Mixed	Various	3 meetings per committee, on average
Total Interim Committee Per Diem Budget	\$76,994	\$75,973	\$152,967			

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Members of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly:

Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S., a member seeking an interim committee must make a request in writing to the Legislative Council Committee by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 11, 2025. All requests must be finalized by this date and no exceptions can be granted on this request deadline. Members are asked to submit their requests as far in advance of the deadline as possible, using the attached request form or the electronic form. Requests may be submitted to either the Office of Legislative Legal Service or Legislative Council Staff.

The request, as stipulated in statute and rule, must specify at a minimum:

- the scope of the policy issues to be studied;
- the number of meetings necessary to study the issues;
- the suggested number and composition of committee members, including the appointments to be made by the President, Speaker, Majority Leaders, and Minority Leaders;
- whether nonlegislative members should have a role in the interim committee;
- whether a task force is necessary to assist the interim committee in studying the scope of issues and, if so, the members and composition of a task force;
- whether the requestor anticipates that the interim committee will need to travel outside the Denver metropolitan area; and
- an estimate of the maximum number of bills the interim committee will need to address the issues studied.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 24A(d)(1)(A), the chair and vice-chair shall be appointed by the Speaker and the President, depending on the house in which the request for the interim committee originates.

The most successful interim committees are those that are focused on narrower issues, as it allows the committee to use the relatively short window it will be meeting in the interim to learn about the topic and draft meaningful legislation. Successful committees are generally approved to meet at least 3, but no more than 6 times, and have a limited membership. Requestors should be cognizant of the time commitment for legislators and non-legislator to participate on interim committees, and the short time for interim committees to meet and request bills. In 2025, all interim committee legislation must be requested by mid-October 2025.

Once finalized, all written requests for interim committees will be made public and will be posted on the Legislative Council Committee website and distributed to the members of Legislative Council. The Legislative Council will meet by Friday, April 25, 2025, to review and prioritize any interim committee requests that have been submitted.

The proposed legislative budget for FY 2025-26 provides funding for _ interim committees, with a total of _ meetings to be divided between the two. Legislative members of interim committees approved through this process will receive per diem and travel reimbursement. Interim committees approved through this process will receive staff support from the Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

This process is intended for one-time committees meeting during one interim period. Members wanting to create long-term, statutory committees must introduce legislation. Such legislation will be accompanied by a fiscal note reflecting the cost of legislator member per diem and travel, as well as the cost of staff assistance.

For more information, please see Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S., and the form developed by Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services. Please feel free to contact either the Office of Legislative Legal Services (olls.ga@coleg.gov or 303-866-2045) or Legislative Council Staff (lcs.ga@coleg.gov or 303-866-3521) for any help you may need. Requests may be turned into either office.

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