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On July 30, 2025, Legislative Council Staff presented an update to the June 2025 forecast and reduced its estimate for General Fund Revenue by 4.2 percent from its June forecast as a result of the enactment of H.R. 1. The Executive Branch estimated that H.R. 1 would reduce state revenue by over 1.2 billion dollars for the current fiscal year, and Governor Polis convened the recently completed 1st Extraordinary Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly, through a proclamation in Executive Order D 2025 009, so that the General Assembly could, among other things, address the budgetary shortfall.

As part of the same Executive Order, Governor Polis also directed all state agencies and departments managed by his appointees to implement a hiring freeze. In light of the ongoing fiscal crisis, it is necessary for the Legislative Branch to adopt similar cost-control measures.

The Executive Committee directs the Joint Budget Committee Staff, Legislative Council Staff, the Office of Legislative Legal Services, the Office of the State Auditor, Senate Staff, and House of Representatives Staff (collectively the "Legislative Service Agencies") to institute a hiring freeze. Specifically, the Legislative Service Agencies shall cease posting for job openings beginning today through December 31, 2025; except that, the Legislative Service Agencies may post and hire session-only staff or any vacant full-time position that, in either case, the agency director determines to be essential for the operations of the Colorado General Assembly during the upcoming regular session.

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