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Memorandum

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TO: Members of the Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee

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SUBJECT: Charge and Membership of the Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2018 membership of the Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee, the origin and charge of the committee, bill request deadlines and procedures, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website. Information is also provided about the stakeholder task force created to work with the interim study committee.

Origin and Charge of the Committee

The Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee was created pursuant to Interim Committee Request Letter 2018-02, as approved by the Legislative Council on April 26, 2018. The committee is charged with studying the following policy issues:

- the operation of the Gallagher Amendment;
- the impact of a statewide residential assessment rate;
- the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on nonresidential property;
- how natural resources are accounted for in the Gallagher Amendment;
- the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on various counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts;
- the impact of the Gallagher Amendment on the state budget;
- the interaction between the Gallagher Amendment and other state constitutional provisions;
- the sustainability of property taxes as a revenue source for local governments;
- the effect of the Gallagher Amendment on taxpayers; and
- modifications or alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment.

Committee Membership

There are six members of the Alternatives to the Gallagher Amendment Interim Study Committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives named the chair and the President of the Senate named the vice-chair. The six legislators appointed to the interim study committee are:

Representative Daneya Esgar, Chair

Representative Jeff Bridges

Representative Bob Rankin

Senator Jim Smallwood, Vice-Chair

Senator Lois Court

Senator Jack Tate

Meeting Dates

The committee has been approved to meet up to five times during the 2018 interim. Two of those meetings may be held outside of Denver. The committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting on Friday, July 13. Additional meetings have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, July 18;
- Tuesday, August 21; and
- Wednesday, October 3.

Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

Bill limits and requests. The committee may recommend up to five bills to the Legislative Council. Committee members must request bills during a single committee meeting set for requesting legislation, and bill requests must be approved by a majority of the committee members.¹

Bill request deadlines. The Legislative Council has established deadlines for the 2018 interim for requesting, drafting, and approving bill drafts under consideration by the committee.² The meeting to request bill drafts must be held by August 22, 2018. Committee members must submit drafting information to the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) bill drafter within three calendar days of the meeting at which bills were requested. There must be at least 42 days in between the meeting at which legislation is requested and the meeting at which it is approved. To allow time for Legislative Council Staff to prepare the fiscal analysis of the proposal,³ there must be 21 days between the date the proposed bill is finalized with OLLS staff and the date of the meeting to consider the proposed bills. The last day to finalize bill drafts with OLLS staff is September 13, 2018, and the committee must meet and vote on the bill drafts by October 3, 2018. Bill drafts and fiscal notes will be sent to the committee three days prior to the meeting at which the bills will be approved.

¹Joint Rule 24 (d) (2.7) (A).

²Joint Rule 24A (d) (2.6).

³As required by House Bill 15-1335.

Legislative Council review. The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet on October 15, 2018, to approve interim committee draft legislation. Bills approved by the Legislative Council do not count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session. Bills not approved by the Legislative Council may be introduced during the regular session, but such bills would count against a member's five bill limit.⁴ Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to approval by the Legislative Council.⁵

Committee Staff and Website

Committee staff contacts. Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information concerning the committee, please send an e-mail to GallagherAmendment.ga@state.co.us. You may also contact any of the following individual committee staff members:

- Larson Silbaugh, laron.silbaugh@state.co.us, 303-866-4720
- Chris Creighton, chris.creighton@state.co.us, 303-866-5834
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Fiscal note staff contact. Legislative Council Staff provides fiscal notes for committee legislation and other analyses requested by the committee. To discuss the fiscal impact of legislation or to request a fiscal analysis, please contact:

- Larson Silbaugh, laron.silbaugh@state.co.us, 303-866-4720

Legal services staff contacts. Additionally, attorneys at the Office of Legislative Legal Services provide legal and bill drafting assistance to the committee. For assistance in these areas, please contact:

- Ed DeCecco, ed.dececco@state.co.us, 303-866-4216.

Website. Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at:

<http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/alternatives-gallagher-amendment-interim-study-committee/2018-regular-session>

Twitter. Committee updates will be also posted on Twitter at:

<https://twitter.com/COInterimComm>

⁴Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D).

⁵Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (E)