

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT
Committee on Finance.

HB24-1276 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, before line 2, insert:

2 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The Colorado commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and
5 deafblind was established to facilitate the provision of state and local
6 government services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind, while
7 making government more efficient;

8 (b) Under the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990",
9 42 U.S.C. sec. 12101 et seq., as amended, Colorado has a duty to provide
10 equivalent access to state government and public accommodations to the
11 deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind;

12 (c) This duty requires state departments and agencies to provide
13 auxiliary services, communications technology equipment, and other
14 resources to ensure access;

15 (d) Auxiliary services include sign language interpretation
16 services, real-time captioning services, and other vital communication
17 aids and access services;

18 (e) These services are necessary for people who are deaf, hard of
19 hearing, and deafblind to communicate effectively with one another; and

20 (f) The state of Colorado does not have a centralized, statewide
21 system to provide communication access services for the deaf, hard of
22 hearing, and deafblind.

23 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that the Colorado
24 commission for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind in the department
25 of human services, in collaboration with the department of personnel and
26 administration and the department of labor and employment, shall consult
27 and make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor's
28 office on how to establish a centralized, statewide auxiliary services
29 program to arrange for the provision of auxiliary services for state
30 departments and agencies, including the governor's office, that employ or
31 serve individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind.".

32 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

33 Page 5, strike lines 20 through 27.

34 Strike page 6.

35 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 11.

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