

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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