After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-004 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend reengrossed bill, page 6, line 1, after "EMPLOYER" insert "FULLY INSURED", and strike "OR".

Page 6, strike line 2 and substitute "EMPLOYER FULLY INSURED MARKET, OR THE EMPLOYER SELF-INSURED MARKET.".

Page 6, after line 19 insert:

"SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1004, amend (5) as follows:

10-16-1004. Health care coverage cooperatives - establishment - fees. (5) (a) Except as allowed by section 10-16-1014 OR SUBSECTION (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, the division of insurance shall not participate in the formation or administration of a health care coverage cooperative created pursuant to this part 10.

(b) THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORMATION OF A COOPERATIVE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 10 SO LONG AS THE COOPERATIVE IS NOT FORMED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS AN ENTITY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-16-1008, amend (1) as follows:

10-16-1008. Administrative structure of cooperatives - board of directors - officers - employees. (1) (a) (I) The affairs of the
cooperative shall be managed in accordance with the legal structure required of the entity and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, governed by persons elected by the members from their own number. The governing body of the cooperative shall adopt bylaws and rules for the cooperative.

(II) THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE MAY ELECT TO THE GOVERNING BODY UP TO THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO JOIN THE COOPERATIVE AS MEMBERS, BUT AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MUST CONSIST OF MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE.

(b) Members of a cooperative shall be entitled to equal participation and benefit from the cooperative; except that a cooperative at its option may extend voting rights to eligible employees.

(c) The governing body of the cooperative shall meet at such times and places as it determines necessary to operate the cooperative in accordance with this part 10.".

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 13, line 25, strike the first "and", and strike "(1)(e)" and substitute "(1)(e); and add (2)".

Page 14, after line 17 insert:

"(2) THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE:

(a) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORMATION OF A COOPERATIVE PURSUANT TO THIS PART 10 SO LONG AS THE COOPERATIVE IS NOT FORMED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS AN ENTITY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE;

(b) EDUCATING COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT COOPERATIVES; AND

(c) ADVERTISING OR OTHERWISE PUBLICIZING SUCCESSFUL COOPERATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED IN THE STATE.".

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