

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

March 24, 2016
Date

Committee on Business Affairs and Labor.

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

HB16-1048 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "and (3)".

2 Page 2, strike lines 11 through 14.

3 Page 3, strike lines 1 and 2.

4 Page 5, strike lines 7 though 17.

5 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

6 Page 6, strike lines 11 through 24 and substitute:

7 "SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-84-209 as
8 follows:

9 **8-84-209. Working group to address expanding opportunities**
10 **for blind vendors - report - repeal.** (1) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
11 CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AVENUES FOR EXPANDING JOB
12 AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND REDUCING BARRIERS TO THOSE
13 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND ARE LICENSED UNDER
14 SECTION 8-84-203. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL EXAMINE WAYS TO:

15 (I) EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLIND VENDORS AT HIGHER
16 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE COLORADO STATE FAIR,

1 INCLUDING REVIEWING BID PROCESSES, SCALING OF OPERATIONS, AND
2 REVENUE STREAMS THAT WILL RESULT IN ONGOING BUSINESS
3 DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE
4 BLIND; AND

5 (II) LEVERAGE REVENUES FROM BUSINESSES OPERATED BY BLIND
6 VENDORS AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE
8 COLORADO STATE FAIR TO INCREASE AND MODIFY THE ALLOCATION OF
9 FEDERAL MATCHING DOLLARS UNDER THE FEDERAL
10 "RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD VENDING STAND ACT", AS AMENDED.

11 (b) ADDITIONALLY, THE WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER WAYS
12 TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
13 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS PART 2 TO TRAIN BLIND VENDORS IN A WIDE
14 VARIETY OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND FOOD SERVICE AND
15 VENDING FACILITIES.

16 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOST THE WORKING GROUP AND
17 SHALL FACILITATE BROAD PARTICIPATION FROM THE BLIND COMMUNITY,
18 INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE
19 BLIND AND THE STATE COMMITTEE OF LICENSED BLIND VENDORS
20 ESTABLISHED UNDER DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RULES; HIGHER
21 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; THE COLORADO STATE FAIR; AND
23 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.
24 THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO ENABLE IT
25 TO DEVELOP A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SPECIFIED IN
26 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (3) (a) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE
28 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE AND
29 ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO:

30 (I) IDENTIFY REMUNERATIVE AND PERMANENT BUSINESS
31 OPPORTUNITIES:

32 (A) AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
33 CORRECTIONS, THE COLORADO STATE FAIR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
34 NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ANY OTHER STATE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED BY
35 THE WORKING GROUP; AND

36 (B) IN OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESSES BEYOND FOOD SERVICE AND
37 VENDING FACILITIES; AND

38 (II) INCREASE AND MODIFY THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL
39 MATCHING DOLLARS UNDER THE FEDERAL "RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD
40 VENDING STAND ACT", AS AMENDED, TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL

1 REVENUES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE
3 COLORADO STATE FAIR, AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES
4 WHERE BLIND VENDORS OPERATE BUSINESSES.

5 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS MAY INCLUDE PREFERENTIAL BID
6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED BLIND VENDORS ON CONTRACTS FOR GOODS
7 AND SERVICES, OPPORTUNITIES TO OPERATE FOOD SERVICE AND VENDING
8 FACILITIES, AND A MECHANISM TO COLLECT VENDING INCOME FROM THESE
9 PROPERTIES.

10 (4) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A FINAL
11 REPORT INCLUDING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND
12 LABOR COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
13 BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR
14 THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, BY JANUARY 1, 2017.

15 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017."

16 Page 7, strike line 2 and substitute:

17 "SECTION 7. **Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016;
18 except that section 8-84-209, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in
19 section 5 of this act, takes effect upon passage."

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