

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 9, 2023
Date

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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

SB23-159 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(21)" and substitute
2 "(17)(a)(VII)".

3 Page 2, strike lines 10 through 16 and substitute:

4 "(17)(a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
5 advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2026:

6 (VII) THE COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
7 CREATED IN SECTION 23-31-1102.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-1102, **amend**
9 (2)(b) introductory portion; and **add** (2)(b)(XII) and (2.1) as follows:

10 **23-31-1102. Colorado food systems advisory council - created**
11 **- membership - terms - vacancies.** (2) The council consists of:

12 (b) ~~Sixteen~~ SEVENTEEN members appointed ON A ROTATING BASIS
13 IN THE ORDER LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b), AS NEW POSITIONS OR
14 VACANCIES ARISE, by ~~the governor or the governor's designee~~ THE
15 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MINORITY LEADER OF
16 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND
17 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, as follows:

18 (XII) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A FOOD BANK.

19 (2.1) IF TWO NEW POSITIONS OR VACANCIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION
20 (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION OPEN SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST
21 SCHEDULED TO APPOINT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION
22 SHALL CHOOSE WHICH POSITION TO APPOINT.

23 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-1103, **amend**
24 (1)(a), (1)(a)(III), and (1)(b); and **add** (1)(b.5) and (3) as follows:

25 **23-31-1103. Council - purpose and duties.** (1) The ~~purposes~~
26 PURPOSE of the council ~~include~~ IS TO GROW LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND

1 STATEWIDE FOOD ECONOMIES WITHIN WHICH PRODUCERS HAVE ACCESS TO
2 NEW MARKETS AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS HAVE ACCESS TO FRESH,
3 AFFORDABLE, AND HEALTHY FOODS. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

4 ~~(a) Growing local, regional, and statewide food economies within~~
5 ~~which producers have access to new markets and low-income populations~~
6 ~~have access to fresh, affordable, and healthy foods. The council will~~
7 ~~collaborate and coordinate~~ COLLABORATING AND COORDINATING with
8 agricultural producers, relevant state and federal educational institutions,
9 nongovernmental organizations, and consumers to connect state and
10 federal agencies and to provide Colorado agricultural producers,
11 including fruit and vegetable producers, with viable market opportunities.
12 Areas of focus include:

13 ~~(III) Supporting the implementation of the recommendations in~~
14 ~~the Colorado blueprint of food and agriculture project, ensuring that the~~
15 ~~recommendations in the blueprint, or its successor project, are updated as~~
16 ~~needed, and ensuring alignment with other state or local food plans if~~
17 ~~relevant.~~ EXAMINING BEST PRACTICES TO ADVANCE OR IMPROVE
18 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND DEVELOP NEW MARKETS FOR COLORADO
19 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

20 (b) Conducting research regarding national best practices
21 regarding food and nutrition assistance, direct and intermediated market
22 development, institutional procurement, and farm-to-school programs; as
23 well as other priorities determined by the council;

24 (b.5) SERVING AS A RESOURCE FOR RESEARCH AND SUPPORT AT
25 THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
26 OR ANY STATE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE AND
27 DUTIES IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) AND (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION;

28 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL ACCEPT AND CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT
29 REGARDING ANY RESEARCH OR REPORTS CREATED BY THE COUNCIL
30 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (1)(b) AND (1)(b.5) OF THIS SECTION. THE
31 COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A MINIMUM OF SIXTY
32 DAYS.

33 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-1104, **repeal**
34 (2) as follows:

35 ~~**23-31-1104. Subcommittees of the council.** (2) The council may~~
36 ~~engage in any other activity the council determines is necessary to~~
37 ~~accomplish the purposes outlined in this part 11.~~

38 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-31-1106
39 as follows:

40 **23-31-1106. Reports - recommendations.** Notwithstanding
41 section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), no later than January 31, 2021, and January
42 31 every other year thereafter, the council shall report the information
43 specified in section 23-31-1103 (1)(d) AND PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE

1 COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES FROM THE PRIOR YEAR AND A SUMMARY OF THE
2 COUNCIL'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR to the house
3 ~~rural affairs and agriculture~~ AGRICULTURE, WATER, AND NATURAL
4 RESOURCES committee and the senate agriculture and natural resources
5 committee, or their successor committees."

6 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

7 Page 2, line 20, strike "2030." and substitute "2026."

8 Page 1, strike line 103 and substitute "**EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE BY**
9 **THREE YEARS.**".

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