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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1026**

101     **CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF A SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF**  
102             **THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER**  
103             **ISSUES RELATING TO COLORADO'S AUTO INSURANCE SYSTEM.**

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1             WHEREAS, In 2003 the Colorado General Assembly changed the  
2     basis of Colorado's auto insurance system from no-fault to tort; and

3             WHEREAS, These changes were the most profound to be made  
4     in this area since the 1970s; and

5             WHEREAS, The tort-based auto insurance system has radically  
6     changed the way in which medical expense payments are made in cases  
7     of auto-related injuries; and

8             WHEREAS, The tort-based system has affected auto insurance  
9     premium rates and coverages for Colorado consumers; and

10            WHEREAS, The elimination of no-fault auto insurance has  
11     created gaps in coverage and problems in the delivery and availability of  
12     health care for injuries received in auto accidents; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           WHEREAS, These issues relating to gaps in coverage and the  
2 delivery and availability of health care present problems for the effective  
3 treatment of automobile-related injuries; and

4           WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly desires to exercise  
5 continuing oversight over the state's auto insurance system, including  
6 coverage and the delivery and availability of health care for injuries  
7 incurred in automobile accidents, and to determine whether changes in  
8 the law could be recommended that would benefit Colorado consumers;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly believes it would  
11 be helpful to the members of the General Assembly for a special joint  
12 committee consisting of Senators and Representatives to be organized for  
13 the purpose of receiving information and testimony on the state of the  
14 Colorado auto insurance system and gaps in coverage and the delivery  
15 and availability of health care for injuries; now, therefore,

16           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth*  
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
18 *herein:*

19           (1) That there is hereby created a special joint committee,  
20 hereinafter referred to as the "committee", to study matters relating to the  
21 Colorado auto insurance system, particularly the outcome of repealing  
22 no-fault auto insurance and replacing it with a tort-based system.

23           (2) That the committee shall consist of ten members appointed as  
24 follows:

25           (a) Five members of the Senate, three of whom shall be appointed  
26 by the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate  
27 Business, Labor, and Technology and Health and Human Services  
28 Committees and two of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader  
29 of the Senate from among the members of the Senate Business, Labor,  
30 and Technology and Health and Human Services Committees;

31           (b) Five members of the House of Representatives, three of whom  
32 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from  
33 among the members of the House Business Affairs and Labor and Health  
34 and Human Services Committees and two of whom shall be appointed by  
35 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives from among the  
36 members of the House Business Affairs and Labor and Health and  
37 Human Services Committees.

38           (3) That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
39 designate a chairperson of the committee from among the members  
40 appointed from the House of Representatives, and the President of the  
41 Senate shall designate a vice-chairperson of the committee from among  
42 the members appointed from the Senate.

43           (4) That the committee shall receive information and testimony  
44 and may recommend legislation to address issues identified by the

1 committee. If the committee recommends legislation to be introduced in  
2 the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, the  
3 chairperson of the committee shall receive permission from the Senate  
4 Committee on Delayed Bills or the House Committee on Delayed Bills  
5 for introduction and consideration of any such bill.

6 (5) That the committee is authorized to meet no more than four  
7 times during the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth General  
8 Assembly. The service of members of the General Assembly on the  
9 committee during the regular session shall be on the same terms and  
10 conditions as service on a standing committee of the Senate or House of  
11 Representatives.