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- Amend the Appropriations Committee Report, dated April 26, 2023, page 27, after line 25, insert:
- "29-33-116. Construction defect task force. (1) There is HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS THE CONSTRUCTION DEFECT TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE".
 - (2) THE TASK FORCE IS A **TYPE 2** ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.
 - (3) (a) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING THIRTEEN MEMBERS:
- 12 (I) ONE MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 13 SENATE;
- 14 (II) ONE MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE 15 HOUSE;
- 16 (III) ONE MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SENATE MINORITY 17 LEADER;
 - (IV) ONE MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE HOUSE MINORITY LEADER;
 - (V) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS HOME BUILDERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS HOME OWNERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (VII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS SUBCONTRACTORS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (VIII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS INSURANCE ENTITIES THAT INSURE SUBCONTRACTORS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
 - (IX) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENT SUBCONTRACTORS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
- 35 (X) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN INSURANCE TRADE
 36 ASSOCIATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LAW IN OTHER
 37 STATES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND
 38 CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
- 39 (XI) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEYS IN CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CASES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH

THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;

- (XII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS GENERAL CONTRACTORS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND
- (XIII) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.
- (b) The appointing authorities shall make their initial appointments to the task force no later than July 1, 2023.
- (4) EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE OFFICIAL WHO APPOINTED THE MEMBER. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS TWO YEARS.
- (5) (a) The governor shall call the first meeting of the task force on or before August 15, 2023.
- (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM, AS DETERMINED BY THE TASK FORCE.
- (c) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE. THE CHAIR MAY CALL SUCH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE TASK FORCE TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.
- (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIDER, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:
- (a) The impact of construction defect laws on housing supply in Colorado;
- (b) THE AVAILABILITY OF INSURANCE FOR SUBCONTRACTORS AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS;
- (c) Colorado's regulatory structure and how it potentially incentivizes lawsuits;
 - (d) THE BAD FAITH PROVISION IN CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LAWS;
- (e) The effects of suppression of investment in low and moderate income housing due to current construction defect laws in Colorado; and
- (f) THE DEFICIT OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING CAUSED BY CURRENT CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LAWS IN COLORADO.
- (7) Upon request by the task force, the department of local affairs shall provide office space, equipment, and staff services as may be necessary to implement this section.
- (8) On or before November 15, 2023, the task force shall report to the general assembly. The report must include:
- (a) CURRENT LAWS THAT ARE BARRIERS FOR NEW HOUSING IN THE STATE;
- 42 (b) LEGISLATION THAT WILL INCENTIVIZE INVESTMENT IN THE 43 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING; AND

1 (c) Anything else the task force finds necessary to increasing the supply of available housing in the state.".

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