

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Appropriations.

HB25B-1003 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 9 through 15 and substitute:

2 "(a) The insurance premium tax rate tax expenditure has not met
3 its intended purpose since, as evidenced by the office of the state auditor's
4 2020 and 2025 evaluations of the tax expenditure, the hiring and
5 investment levels of the vast majority of all insurance companies claiming
6 the tax expenditure have not been substantially affected by the presence
7 of the tax expenditure; and

8 (b) In its 2025 evaluation of the insurance premium tax rate tax
9 expenditure, the office of the state auditor found that, from 2022 through
10 2024, fifteen of the eighteen insurers that claimed the tax expenditure
11 actually reduced their Colorado workforces by about four thousand three
12 hundred employees, while the tax benefit that those insurers received
13 from the tax expenditure increased by approximately seventeen million
14 five hundred thousand dollars. Moreover, the reduction in the Colorado
15 workforce of those Colorado insurers that claimed the tax expenditure
16 occurred during a period when the number of insurance jobs increased
17 nationally."

18 Page 2, line 17, strike "purpose" and substitute "purposes".

19 Page 2, line 19, strike "is" and substitute "are".

20 Page 2, line 21, strike "owed;" and substitute "owed, and to streamline
21 insurance premium tax statutes by eliminating a tax expenditure that is
22 not meeting its intended purpose; and".

23 Page 2, strike line 24 and substitute "and the streamlining of the insurance
24 premium tax statutes is:".

25 Page 3, line 18, after "percent." insert "ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026,
26 THE TAX RATE IS TWO PERCENT."

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