



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-017

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brooks and Willford, Johnson, Bacon, Boesenecker, Bradfield, Brown, Caldwell, Camacho, Carter, Clifford, Duran, English, Espenoza, Froelich, Garcia, Gonzalez R., Hamrick, Hartsook, Jackson, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Lukens, Mabrey, Martinez, Mauro, McCormick, Nguyen, Paschal, Rutinel, Rydin, Sirota, Smith, Stewart K., Story, Taggart, Titone, Valdez, Woodrow, Zokaie, McCluskie.

CONCERNING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KERRI L. HUNTER
TO THE POSITION OF STATE AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, Section 49 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Colorado provides for a majority of the members serving in each house of the General Assembly to appoint a state auditor to serve for a term of five years; and

WHEREAS, Among the functions of the Legislative Audit Committee is to examine persons applying for the position of state auditor as to qualifications and ability but without regard to political affiliation and, after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, to place the name of the most qualified candidate for the position in nomination before the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the General Assembly approved the appointment of Kerri L. Hunter as state auditor for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming state auditor, Ms. Hunter has

demonstrated outstanding leadership of her office, as evidenced by her building and maintaining a team of highly experienced and dedicated individuals; her competent, professional, and nonpartisan oversight of complex audits and evaluations touching on many aspects of state government; her commitment to the highest ethical standards; and her ability to establish and maintain quality relationships with members of the General Assembly and other elected officials, as well as with officials within state agencies and business and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hunter, a Boettcher Foundation Scholar Alumni, has more than 31 years of governmental auditing experience; has dedicated her career to promoting government effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability across Colorado state government; and is highly regarded as a subject matter expert in auditing and government operations; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, 2024, and 2025, Ms. Hunter and her staff received multiple, national Impact Awards from the National Conference of State Legislatures in recognition of their high-quality work, and in 2021, Ms. Hunter was the recipient of the Pro15 Northeast Colorado's 2021 Alumni of the Plains Award for professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2026, in accordance with section 2-3-101 (3)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, the Legislative Audit Committee voted unanimously to submit the name of Kerri L. Hunter to the second regular session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly for the position of state auditor; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with statutory requirements, the Legislative Audit Committee consulted with the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council with respect to the reappointment of Ms. Hunter, and the Executive Committee concurs with the reappointment; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That Kerri L. Hunter be reappointed by this General Assembly to the position of state auditor for a term commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, and until a qualified successor is appointed.

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