Team Subject Matter (cont.)

PUBLICATIONS TEAM
- Publication of the Colorado Revised Statutes
- Publication of Session Laws of Colorado
- Distribution of the Colorado Revised Statutes and Session Laws to state and local government agencies
  - Publication of Digest of Bills
  - Review and Enrolling of Bills
  - Preparation of Annotations

ADMINISTRATION TEAM
- Assist the members of the General Assembly with intake and log-in of proposed legislation requests
- Process state agency promulgated rules and regulations
- General support staff to General Assembly and Office of Legislative Legal Services
  - Provide general legal research
- Custodians of complete legislative records on bills, resolutions, and memorials drafted by the office

Office of Legislative Legal Services

The Office of Legislative Legal Services is the non-partisan, in-house counsel for the Colorado state legislature and writes laws, produces statutes, reviews administrative rules, comments on initiated measures, and serves as a resource of legislative information for the public. Our vision is to serve Colorado’s General Assembly and citizens, providing these services with excellence, to forward the cause of effective self-government.

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Bill drafting and session work

The Office of Legislative Legal Services prepares the bills, resolutions, and memorials introduced in the General Assembly. In addition, most amendments and all conference committee reports are prepared by the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Each bill or resolution is drafted by a staff attorney or legislative assistant and is reviewed by other staff members for format, grammar, and legality before introduction.

The Office of Legislative Legal Services is responsible for a review of all bills and amendments after they are passed by either house. This review is conducted to identify conflicting bills and any technical or substantive problems in bills or amendments and is performed by the Office of Legislative Legal Services attorneys and technical staff. The Office of Legislative Legal Services also assists the House and Senate in proofing and preparing the final enrolled acts.

Colorado Revised Statutes

The Office Of Legislative Legal Services edits, compiles, revises, and publishes the laws enacted each session, with annotations.

The Office of Legislative Legal Services maintains lists of the government agencies that receive the Colorado Revised Statutes and Session laws free of charge. Currently the Office of Legislative Legal Services distributes approximately 2,900 sets of Colorado Revised Statutes and 1,150 sets of Session Laws.

Other services performed by the Office of Legislative Legal Services include:

Review of Administrative Rules

The Office of Legislative Legal Services is responsible for implementing the statutory provisions for legislative review of administrative rules. Every rule adopted or amended by an executive agency is first reviewed by an Office of Legislative Legal Services attorney or legislative assistant to determine if the rule is within the power delegated to the agency and consistent with law. After each legislative session, the Office of Legislative Legal Services reviews existing rules to determine if they are in conflict with laws enacted during that session.

Review of Initiatives

Anyone who wishes to initiate an amendment to the state constitution or statutes is required to submit a draft of the measure to the Office of Legislative Legal Services and Legislative Council. The staffs prepare written comments on the draft that are then delivered to the proponents of the measure at a public hearing conducted by the directors of the two offices or their designees.

In addition, the director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services or the director's designee sits on the Ballot Title Board, which drafts and adopts the title for each measure to appear on circulated petitions and official ballots.