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ISGAR TO CREATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY RURAL ISSUES

Senator Isgar: committee will look at a multitude of rural issues throughout the state

DENVER—Rural America occupies more than 80 percent of the land area of the United States and accounts for a fifth of the population. Today, **Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus)** passed House Joint Resolution 1055 in committee, which will create a committee to consider issues relating to Colorado's rural areas.

“This will establish a committee comprised of 12 members that will study issue facing rural Colorado,” said Senator Isgar. “Rural areas face much different issues than urban areas, such as jobs, housing, technology, and other infrastructure needs. This committee will focus on these issues in order to identify concerns and develop solutions.”

Under HJR 1055, four of the six meetings will be held in 4 geographic quadrants of the state. The first and last meetings will be held in Denver. The interim committee will consist of 12 members as follows: five members of the Senate and five members of the House, appointed by Majority and Minority leaders. Also one member of the public who is a county commissioner from a rural county will be selected by the Speaker and one member of the public who is a city council member from a rural county will be selected by the Senate President.

Senator Isgar added, “Each part of the state has different problems and different issues. Holding meetings throughout the state will give all Coloradans an opportunity to contribute to the discussion and have their voices heard.”

The resolution passed in Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee on a unanimous vote and now moves to the Senate floor.

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