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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1022

CONCERNING A REQUEST THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE INPUT ON AMENDMENT 64, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, Federal law criminalizes the use, possession, sale, and interstate trade of marijuana. In addition, federal employment law, banking, federal drug administration regulations, and international law considerations are also impacted by the use and possession of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Colorado citizens passed a ballot initiative known as "Amendment 64" at the November 4, 2012, general election that legalized the use and possession of small amounts of marijuana within Colorado; and

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WHEREAS, Federal and state statutes are now at odds concerning the criminality of the use and possession of marijuana in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado has received no guidance from the federal government regarding enforcement of federal law in the state after implementation of Amendment 64; and

WHEREAS, Implementing Amendment 64 in a way that provides clarification for Colorado citizens regarding federal criminal liability requires input from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington also recently legalized marijuana at the state level and would likely find federal guidance helpful; and

WHEREAS, The legislation and regulations necessary for implementation of Amendment 64 must be adopted before July 1, 2013, and input from the federal government would be helpful to the General Assembly and relevant departments during this process; now, therefore,

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

That we, the Colorado General Assembly, call on the federal government to provide input on Amendment 64 so that we may successfully and effectively implement the newly passed initiative, which is the will of the people of the state of Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, United States Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., United States Attorney for the District of Colorado John Walsh, Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado Attorney General John Suthers, and the members of Colorado's congressional delegation.