HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1023

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also SENATOR(S) Aguilar and King, Carroll, Giron, Hodge, Kefalas, Newell, Nicholson, Steadman, Todd.

CONCERNING GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR REDESIGNING COLORADO'S LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, There is a significant demand across Colorado for streamlined, efficient, and person-centered services for children and adults who require long-term services and supports due to physical, mental, behavioral, intellectual, or developmental conditions related to birth, illness, injury, disability, or age; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Community Living Advisory Group, appointed through Executive Order 2012-027, is charged with considering and recommending improvements to the Colorado long-term services and supports system to ensure responsiveness, flexibility, accountability, and increased options for self-direction; and

WHEREAS, Subcommittees of the long-term care advisory committee determined that certain basic values must underlie system redesign and communicated that position to the Colorado Community Living Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, The five principles of self-determination are a basic value that includes the freedom for a person to make his or her own choices, the authority to control the money spent and supports received, the support to develop dreams, the responsibility to give back to the community and to be accountable, and the confirmation affirming a person's central role in leadership and change; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Community First Choice Council in the department of health care policy and financing supports and endorses the same values; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing these basic values would result in a transformed system of long-term services and supports for all eligible children and adults; and

WHEREAS, These values are based on:

! Person-centered principles as the foundation for all processes to ensure that services are provided in a manner that supports individual life goals, interests, preferences, strengths, and abilities with the tools necessary to achieve identified outcomes;

! Assurances that the delivery of long-term services and supports will allow an individual, independently or in conjunction with an authorized representative or his or her legal guardian, the option to manage and control all aspects of his or her services and supports at the level he or she desires, with the mechanisms to do so;

! The principle that services and supports should be provided in a family-friendly manner for individuals who choose to live in a family-friendly setting;

! The principles of integrated home- and community-based service delivery, appropriate use of long-term services and supports, and the importance of providing a continuum of care; and

! The principle of fiscal and programmatic sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Departments of state government that are charged with aspects of the long-term services and supports system, including the departments of health care policy and financing, human services, public health and environment, and education, should be diligent in the application of these values and principles in all efforts leading toward system redesign; and

WHEREAS, A redesign of the long-term services and supports system requires future executive and legislative action; 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 it is in the best interests of the state of Colorado and the General Assembly that a redesign of the long-term services and supports system be based on the person-centered and self-direction values and principles set forth in this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution shall be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper and the departments of health care policy and financing, human services, public health and environment, and education.

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