HOUSE BILL 22-1082

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE HOUSING LAWS BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,

ESTABLISHING A FAIR HOUSING UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

OF LAW.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill:

- Expands the statutory list of state laws for which the attorney general may bring civil and criminal enforcement
actions to include various statutory provisions relating to housing; and

- Creates the fair housing unit within the department of law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, amend (1)(i) as follows:

24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general. (1) The attorney general:

(i) May bring civil and criminal actions to enforce state laws, including actions brought pursuant to:

(I) The "Colorado Antitrust Act of 1992" in article 4 of title 6;

(II) The "Colorado Consumer Protection Act" in article 1 of title 6;

(III) The "Unfair Practices Act" in article 2 of title 6;

(IV) Article 12 of title 6; and sections 6-1-110, 11-51-603.5, 24-34-505.5, and 25.5-4-306;

(V) SECTION 6-1-110;

(VI) SECTION 11-51-603.5;

(VII) SECTION 24-34-505.5;

(VIII) SECTION 25.5-4-306;

(IX) THE "IMMIGRANT TENANT PROTECTION ACT" IN PART 12 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 38;

(X) THE "MOBILE HOME PARK ACT" IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 38;

(XI) THE "MOBILE HOME PARK ACT DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM" IN PART 11 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 38;

(XII) PART 1 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 38; AND
(XIII) PART 7 OF ARTICLE 12 OF TITLE 38;

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-102, amend (1)(h) and (1)(i); and add (1)(j) as follows:

24-31-102. Offices, boards, and divisions. (1) The department of law, the chief executive officer of which is the attorney general, includes the following:

(h) The financial empowerment office, created in part 11 of this article 31; and

(i) Notwithstanding section 24-1-107, any other division, office, or unit established by the attorney general or by law.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.