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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1030

101 **CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS WITH**
102 **FORCED LABOR COMPONENTS.**

1 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado recognizes the equal and
2 inalienable rights of all humans as the foundation of freedom, justice, and
3 peace in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Many products procured by governmental entities of
5 the State of Colorado are made with components that are mined,
6 produced, or manufactured, wholly or in part, by forced labor; and

7 WHEREAS, Forced labor means all work or labor that is exacted
8 from an individual under the menace of any penalty for nonperformance
9 of the work or labor and for which the individual does not offer the work
10 or labor voluntarily, including forced, indentured, or oppressive child

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1 labor; and

2 WHEREAS, Oppressive child labor is a condition of employment
3 under which an individual under fourteen years of age is employed in an
4 occupation hazardous for the employment of children, such as
5 manufacturing or mining; and

6 WHEREAS, Concerns about the use of forced labor to create
7 certain components and materials prompted the federal government to
8 pass the "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" (known as the UFLPA)
9 with overwhelming bipartisan support; and

10 WHEREAS, The "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization
11 Act of 2013" (known as the TVPRA 2013) mandates the U.S. Department
12 of Labor to maintain a list that identifies products that utilize forced labor
13 in violation of international standards, and such information is critical in
14 combating forced labor and child labor issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Forced labor distorts global and local economic
16 markets and undercuts ethical businesses and economies that rely on fair
17 labor practices; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth
19 General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

20 (1) That the State of Colorado deplores the use of forced labor and
21 finds that it is repugnant, violates basic human rights, constitutes
22 discrimination, and damages free and fair competition; and

23 (2) That the State of Colorado will utilize its purchasing power to
24 support businesses that create, retail, or utilize products or materials that
25 are ethically sourced or manufactured without forced labor and encourage
26 the state and local offices of economic development to pursue the location
27 or relocation of businesses that ethically source or manufacture products
28 and materials without forced labor to the State of Colorado.

29 *Be it Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
30 to Governor Jared Polis; Phil Weiser, the Attorney General of Colorado;
31 Eve Lieberman, the Executive Director of the Colorado Office of
32 Economic Development and International Trade; Patty Salazar, the
33 Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies;

1 Will Toor, the Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office; the
2 governing bodies of all counties in Colorado; President Donald Trump;
3 and Colorado's Congressional Delegation.