



Legislative Council Staff

Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 16-1031

Sponsors

Representative Carver
Senator Cooke

Short Title

*Modify Transportation
Commission Membership*

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Status

This research note is currently pending before the House on second reading. This research note reflects the bill as amended by the House Transportation & Energy Committee on February 11, 2016.

Summary

This bill, ***recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC)***, requires that the TLRC study current Transportation Commission (commission) districts to determine whether the number and boundaries of the districts should be modified and how. Legislative Council Staff (LCS), with the assistance of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), must submit a report to the TLRC no later than August 1, 2016, that details changes since the last time the districts were modified. The report must consider existing county and municipal boundaries, regional transportation areas and districts, and transportation planning regions (TPRs). The report must also include the population, number of lane miles, and annual vehicle miles traveled for each district.

Background

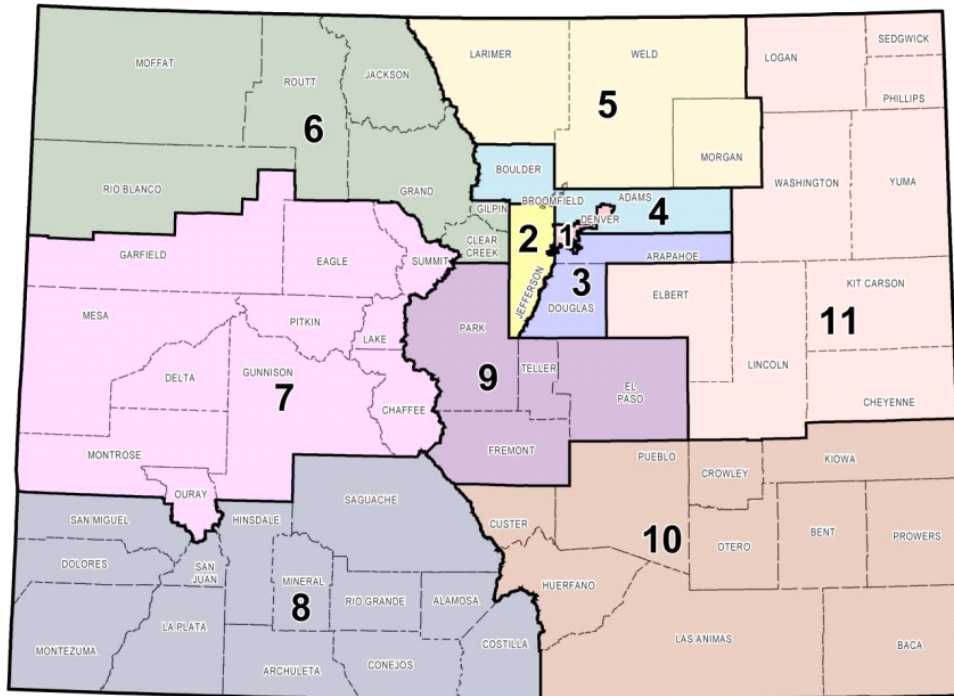
The commission is required to meet at least eight times per year and generally is responsible for:

- formulating general policy related to management, construction, and maintenance of highways and other transportation systems;
- prescribing administrative practices for CDOT;
- making all orders, rules, and regulations necessary to carry out transportation

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- programs;
- adopting budgets and programs; and
- making recommendations to CDOT, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

**Current Transportation Commission Districts
Figure 1**



Source: Colorado Department of Transportation

House Action

House Transportation & Energy Committee (February 11, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Transportation Commission, Colorado Counties Inc., North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Teller County, and Weld County testified in support of the bill.

The committee adopted amendment L.002 and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee. The amendment struck the substantive portion of the introduced bill, and substituted the language with the requirement for Legislative Council Staff to prepare and present a reasearch study to the TLRC no later than August 1, 2016. The study must document changes in population, lane miles, and vehicle miles since the last commission district modifications, and must also consider county and municipal boundaries, regional transportation authorities and districts, and transportation planning regions. The amendment also changed the bill title to reflect the bill's narrower purpose.

House Appropriations Committee (April 15, 2016). The committee referred the bill to the House Committee on Legislative Council.

House Legislative Council (April 29, 2016). The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.