

CHAPTER 57

TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 16-1061

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AN ACT

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) In April 2015, the Colorado department of military and veterans affairs released a "Report on the Comprehensive Military Value and Economic Impact of Department of Defense Activities in Colorado" (report).

(b) The report documents the substantial and essential economic impact of federal department of defense activity in Colorado, concluding that such activity accounts for:

- (I) Five and two-tenths percent of total state employment;
- (II) Seven and one-half percent of total state labor income;
- (III) Five and one-half percent of taxes and fees paid to the state;
- (IV) Five and one-half percent of total state economic output; and
- (V) Six and one-half percent of total gross state product.

(c) The report also notes that the current "National Security Strategy" and federal

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budget challenges require the department of defense to become more efficient by realigning installations, units, and missions and closing military installations.

(d) The military installations and missions in Colorado make unique and essential contributions to our national defense, including critical space-related assets and operations that are integrated into our national security and economic activities and high altitude training at the premier Army base in the country.

(e) Although the report generally concludes that military installations in the state have access to robust transportation networks, the report recommends that the state work with military installations to identify and address transportation infrastructure deficiencies.

(f) The state of Colorado is committed to working with federal military installations and recognizing the benefits to the state economy and is proud of the installations' contribution to our national defense.

(g) It is necessary, appropriate, and in the best interest of all Coloradans for the general assembly to demonstrate that it is addressing the transportation infrastructure needs of military installations by requiring the comprehensive statewide transportation plan prepared by the department of transportation to include coordination with federal military installations in the state to identify the transportation infrastructure needs of the installations and ensure that those needs are given full consideration during the formation of the state plan.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-1103, **amend** (5) introductory portion; and **add** (5) (b.5) as follows:

43-1-1103. Transportation planning. (5) The department shall integrate and consolidate the regional transportation plans for the transportation planning regions into a comprehensive statewide transportation plan. The formation of ~~such~~ THE state plan shall be accomplished through a statewide planning process set by rules and regulations promulgated by the commission. The state plan shall address but shall not be limited to the following factors:

(b.5) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE TO IDENTIFY THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND ENSURE THAT THOSE NEEDS ARE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION DURING THE FORMATION OF THE STATE PLAN.

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 (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 31, 2016