



# Legislative Council Staff

## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 17-1031

### Sponsors

*Representatives Carver &  
Mitsch Bush  
Senators Cooke & Todd*

### Short Title

*Hearings On Transportation  
Commission Districts*

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### Status

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Legislative Council Committee on April 28, 2017.

### Background

**Transportation Commission.** The Colorado Transportation Commission (commission), first established in 1913, consists of 11 nonpartisan commissioners appointed by the Governor, each representing a corresponding district whose boundaries are defined by statute. The commission is responsible for formulating the general policy related to the management, construction, and maintenance of the state highway system. The commission promulgates and adopts the Department of Transportation's (CDOT) budgets and programs. It has the authority to set and change short-term and long-term budget priorities, allowing it to shift funding among projects and regions within the state. The commission also prescribes administrative practices for CDOT and makes all orders, rules, and regulations necessary to carry out transportation programs.

**Transformation Legislation Review Committee.** The Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) is authorized to give guidance and direction to:

- CDOT in the development of the state transportation system and to provide legislative oversight of the development;
- the Colorado Department of Revenue in the licensing of drivers, and the registration and titling of motor vehicles; and
- any state agency or political subdivision of the state that regulates motor vehicles or traffic, including penalties imposed for violating traffic statutes and rules.

The committee must meet once a year and is permitted to review any phase of state

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transportation system project or conduct a post-operation review of any completed projects.

**House Bill 16-1031.** House Bill 16-1031 required the Legislative Council Staff, in cooperation with CDOT, to prepare and present a research study of the changes to the commission districts since 1991. The study was presented to the TLRC on August 31, 2016. The study documents changes since the last time the General Assembly modified the number and boundaries of the commission districts, including changes in population, number of lane miles, and annual vehicle miles traveled in each of the commission district.

## House Action

**House Transportation Committee (January 25, 2017).** The committee referred the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.

**House Appropriations Committee (April 13, 2017).** The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

**House second reading (April 13, 2017).** The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**House third reading (April 17, 2017).** The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## Senate Action

**Senate Transportation (April 25, 2017).** The committee referred the bill to Legislative Council with no amendments.

**Senate Legislative Council (April 27, 2017).** The committee postponed the bill indefinitely.

## Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Research Study of Transportation Commission District Changes Since 1991 Pursuant to House Bill 16-1031*, <http://tinyurl.com/hxxxd3m>.

