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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Weinberg

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Bill Status: House Trans. & Local Govt.
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Bill Topic: MOTORCYCLE LANE SPLITTING STUDY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Transportation to study "lane splitting."
The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required; the State Highway Fund is continuously appropriated to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1059

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	State Highway Fund	\$75,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in collaboration with the Colorado State Patrol, to study the feasibility of permitting motorcycles to “lane split” and complete its report by December 31, 2023. The bill defines “lane splitting” as when a motorcycle passes or overtakes a motor vehicle by driving alongside the vehicle in the same lane or driving between rows of stopped or moving motor vehicles.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in CDOT by \$75,000 in FY 2023-24 only, and will increase workload in the Department of Public Safety.

Department of Transportation. In FY 2023-24, cash fund expenditures in CDOT will increase by \$75,000 to contract with a consultant to perform the study. The fiscal note assumes that funding will come from the State Highway Fund (SHF), which is continuously appropriated to CDOT. Funding from the SHF is allocated by the Transportation Commission. The commission will adjust spending from the SHF to accommodate the increase in CDOT expenditures under this bill.

Department of Public Safety. The bill will increase workload to the Colorado State Patrol to collaborate with CDOT during the study. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Public Safety

Transportation