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(None),

Senate Committees

Transportation

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10-044

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF AN INTERIM STUDY OF TAXI CAB**
102 **LICENSE PLATES.**

1 WHEREAS, Colorado law requires the Public Utilities
2 Commission (PUC) to promulgate safety rules for taxi cabs; and

3 WHEREAS, The PUC currently has in place rules requiring taxi
4 drivers to undergo stringent criminal background checks, and taxi
5 companies must file proof of insurance with the PUC; and

6 WHEREAS, Although these rules are in place for the public
7 safety, a person who hires a taxi has no method by which to confirm that
8 the driver and the taxi company are in compliance with these rules; and

9 WHEREAS, A vehicle may easily be painted to imitate a
10 legitimate taxi cab and may operate as a "gypsy" cab that is not in
11 compliance with PUC rules, raising potential public safety concerns; and

12 WHEREAS, The public safety would be better protected if taxi
13 cabs had some conspicuous, external mark that is issued by the state and

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 is not easily counterfeited, such as a license plate, to identify legitimate
2 taxis that are in compliance with PUC rules; and

3 WHEREAS, Such an external mark would be useful to law
4 enforcement agents and parking enforcement agents, as well as the
5 general public; now, therefore,

6 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly*
7 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

8 (1) That the transportation committee of the Senate and the
9 transportation and energy committee of the House of Representatives,
10 referred to in this joint resolution as the "joint transportation committees",
11 are authorized during the 2010 legislative interim to meet, in accordance
12 with the provisions of section 2-3-303.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, to
13 study the issue of creating a special license plate or other state-issued
14 identifying mark for taxi cabs, referred to in this joint resolution as the
15 "taxi cab license plate study"; and

16 (2) That the joint transportation committees shall meet no more
17 than _____ interim committee days for the purposes of the taxi cab license
18 plate study.

19 *Be It Further Resolved*, That this joint resolution shall take effect
20 only if House Bill 10-1354 is enacted and becomes law.