

INFORMATION FOR HB09-1201

THE DILEMMA

Recent DOD reports document that sprawl near active military installations and training ranges generates incompatible development that makes it more difficult for the military to operate and train - the Department of Defense (DoD) calls this issue - *Encroachment*.

The rapid pace of urban growth presents a series of encroachment problems that confront urban, suburban and rural regions throughout the country:

- Military activities can adversely impact neighboring communities with over-flights, dust, and noise.
- Military training exercises may be compromised due to competition for air, light, water, and other natural resources with civilian demands.
- Recent base closures and realignments will transfer thousands of troops and their families to the developing rural regions throughout the southeast and the west, exacerbating existing development pressures for housing and infrastructure.

THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

- A number of states have recognized the need to protect the military bases and posts located within their state with legislation at the state level.
- Foremost in this effort is Arizona which is home to a number of Air Force Bases critical to national defense.

IN COLORADO

- Colorado is home to 6 major military installations and a number of smaller installations. These include Ft Carson, The Air Force Academy, Peterson AFB, Buckley AFB, Shriever AFB and Cheyenne Mountain.
- Encroachment issues affect all of them, particularly Buckley AFB, Ft Carson and Peterson AFB.
- The closing of any of these installations would have a very negative effect on the Colorado economy. Economic impact by installation include:
 - - Ft Carson: \$1,800,000,000 (going to \$1.9 B by 2015)
 - - Buckley AFB: \$1,100,000,000
 - - Peterson AFB \$1,200,000,000
 - - Air Force Academy \$ 700,000,000

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- The bill addresses encroachment issues in Colorado by:
 - 1) Defining key terms related to Military Installations and Military Airports
 - 2) Requires Master Plans to take the protection of Military Installations into consideration and provide the Installations the opportunity to provide input into decisions affecting specific areas around the Installations.
 - 3) Designates certain military installations as "Key Facilities" within the State of Colorado.