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TITLE: CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ABOLITION OF A REDUNDANT,

NONSIGNALIZED, AND UNATTENDED AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING

WITHOUT A HEARING BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Summary of Assessment

The bill allows affected railroads, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), or local governments supervising or maintaining roads at any at-grade railroad crossings, to eliminate the crossing without the required hearing before the PUC if the following requirements are met:

- the crossing is not the only crossing providing access to property;
- the crossing is without gates, signals, alarms, or warning personnel and is located within one-quarter mile of a crossing that has these features;
- conspicuous notice is posted at the crossing and is provided to interested parties no less than 60 days prior to eliminating the crossing; and
- no notice nor objection is filed regarding the crossing's elimination.

The bill does not affect revenues or expenditures of the state or any local government. Therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Unless a referendum petition is filed, the bill will take effect August 8, 2007, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2007, as scheduled.

Departments Contacted

Public Safety Regulatory Agencies

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