

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE INTERSTATE 70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE TRANSPORTATION ENTERPRISE TO CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE AND OPERATE REVERSIBLE HIGHWAY LANES WITHIN A SPECIFIED PORTION OF THE CORRIDOR.

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) to enter into a transportation demand management contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Under the contract, the CDOT will pay the HPTE for relieving traffic congestion along a portion of the I-70 mountain corridor during peak travel times. Provided a moveable barrier feasibility study is completed and demonstrates its viability, the contract will set a goal of having the HPTE, or its contractor, provide and operate reversible highway lanes by January 1, 2011. The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It clarifies existing powers of the HPTE and the CDOT to contract for transportation demand management on I-70 and requires that any such contract set a goal for implementation. These provisions will not affect state or local government revenue or expenditures. Under current law, the CDOT may already regulate the direction of travel on the state highway system, and the HPTE is authorized to enter into contracts with the CDOT to complete surface transportation infrastructure projects or any public or private entity to facilitate private-public partnerships.

The CDOT is currently studying the feasibility of reversing the direction of travel on certain lanes of I-70 during certain times through the use of a movable barrier. The CDOT expects to have the feasibility study completed by April 2013. A sole vendor of such barriers has been identified, and the following options and costs are provided for informational purposes only.

- ▶ **Purchase Option** - \$27.5 million. This includes 79,200 lineal feet of barrier at \$330 per foot plus \$1.4 million for special mobile machinery required to move the barrier. This does not include any costs for staff or other equipment that may be necessary to operate the barrier.

- ▶ ***Lease Option*** - up to \$6.2 million per year. This option includes costs for a vendor to move the barrier and depends on the length of contract chosen.

Departments Contacted

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