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LLS NO. 10-1028.01 Jason Gelender

HOUSE BILL 10-1405

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE OPTIONS FOR DEVOLUTION OF STATE**
102 **HIGHWAYS THAT ARE COMMUTER HIGHWAYS TO LOCAL**
103 **GOVERNMENTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill:

- ! Requires the transportation commission to conduct or direct the department of transportation to conduct a study of the state highway system for the purpose of determining which

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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state highways or portions of state highways are commuter highways and to report the study results to the transportation and energy committee of the house of representatives and the transportation committee of the senate no later than February 1, 2011;

- ! Allows the commission to include in the report recommendations as to whether all or some of the commuter highways should be removed from the state highway system and thereafter maintained and supervised by counties and municipalities;
- ! Requires the commission, if it recommends the removal of any commuter highways from the state highway system, to also make recommendations regarding modification of the statutory formulas used to allocate moneys in the highway users tax fund between the state, counties, and municipalities in order to account for changes in the allocation of highway maintenance and supervision responsibilities between the state, counties, and municipalities that would result from the removal; and
- ! Defines "commuter highway" to include a highway or a portion of a highway that is part of the state highway system, is located within the territory of a metropolitan planning organization, is not an interstate highway, and is determined in the conduct of the study required by the bill to be used at least 80% of the time, measured as a percentage of total trips on the highway or portion of a highway, for travel within the territory of the metropolitan planning organization.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 2 of title 43, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **43-2-101.5. Devolution of commuter highways to counties and**
6 **municipalities - required study - definitions.** (1) THE
7 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, USING EXISTING OR EASILY OBTAINABLE
8 DATA, SHALL CONDUCT OR DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
9 TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE

1 OF DETERMINING WHICH HIGHWAYS OR PORTIONS OF HIGHWAYS THAT ARE
2 PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ARE COMMUTER HIGHWAYS. THE
3 COMMISSION SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY TO THE
4 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE
6 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1,
7 2011. THE COMMISSION MAY INCLUDE IN THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS
8 AS TO WHETHER ALL OR SOME OF THE IDENTIFIED COMMUTER HIGHWAYS
9 SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND
10 THEREAFTER MAINTAINED AND SUPERVISED BY COUNTIES AND
11 MUNICIPALITIES. IF THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE REMOVAL OF ANY
12 COMMUTER HIGHWAYS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, IT SHALL ALSO
13 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MODIFICATION OF THE FORMULAS
14 USED TO ALLOCATE MONEYS IN THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND BETWEEN
15 THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES SET FORTH IN PART 2 OF
16 ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN THE
17 ALLOCATION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION
18 RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE STATE, COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES
19 THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE REMOVAL.

20 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

21 (a) "COMMUTER HIGHWAY" MEANS A HIGHWAY OR A PORTION OF
22 A HIGHWAY THAT:

23 (I) IS PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM;

24 (II) IS LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF A METROPOLITAN
25 PLANNING ORGANIZATION;

26 (III) IS NOT AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY; AND

27 (IV) IS DETERMINED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE STUDY REQUIRED BY

1 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO BE USED AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT
2 OF THE TIME, MEASURED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TRIPS ON THE
3 HIGHWAY OR PORTION OF A HIGHWAY, FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE
4 TERRITORY OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

5 (b) "METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION" MEANS A
6 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION UNDER THE "FEDERAL TRANSIT
7 ACT OF 1998", 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5301 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED.

8 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.