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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11-015

101 **CONCERNING THE OPINION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGAINST THE**
102 **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REGULATION THAT**
103 **AMENDS THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL**
104 **DEVICES.**

1 WHEREAS, The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
2 (MUTCD), issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA),
3 contains the national standards governing all traffic control devices; and

4 WHEREAS, All public agencies and owners of private roads open
5 to public travel across the nation rely on the MUTCD to bring uniformity
6 to the roadway, and the MUTCD plays a critical role in improving the
7 safety and mobility of all road users; and

8 WHEREAS, In November 2010, the FHWA asked for

*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 additional public comments on the MUTCD regulation that will require
2 changes to street sign retroreflectivity levels and initial-capped lettering,
3 which is intended to aid aging drivers and increase safety on America's
4 roadways; and

5 WHEREAS, Many states and local governments across the country
6 are concerned about the expected cost associated with these ___ required
7 changes to road signs and consider such changes to be unfunded
8 mandates from the federal government; and

9 WHEREAS, These unfunded mandates come at a bad time, when
10 most Americans and local governments have tightened their belts and cut
11 costs while struggling to get through the recession; and

12 WHEREAS, By requiring these ___ changes to street signs on not
13 only interstate roads and highways but also on county roads, the federal
14 government is overstepping its boundaries into what should be an issue
15 for local governments; and

16 WHEREAS, The deadline for additional comments on the
17 regulation ___ was extended to the end of January 2011 to allow for
18 further public comments, and this deadline should remain extended until
19 economic conditions improve; and

20 WHEREAS, United States Department of Transportation Secretary
21 Ray LaHood spoke out against the ___ changes in November 2010, saying
22 "I believe that this regulation makes no sense. It does not properly take
23 into account the high costs that local governments would have to bear.
24 States, cities, and towns should not be required to spend money that they
25 don't have to replace perfectly good traffic signs...There have got to be
26 better ways to improve safety without piling costs onto the American
27 people."; now, therefore,

28 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly*
29 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

30 (1) That the General Assembly believes the ___ regulation to
31 change street signs is a local issue, and the FHWA will be overstepping
32 its federal authority in implementing this ___ regulation; and

33 (2) That the General Assembly encourages the FHWA to put this
34 ___ regulation on hold for at least three years, to review the actual costs

1 to be incurred by local governments across the country, and also to
2 consider tabling the ___ regulation indefinitely.

3 *Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent*
4 *to United States Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and*
5 *the members of Colorado's congressional delegation.*