

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Nicholson**Bill Status:** House Transportation**Fiscal Analyst:** Kurtis Morrison (303-866-3140)

TITLE: CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN IN THE SHORT-TERM TO IMPROVE MOBILITY IN THE INTERSTATE 70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR.

Summary of Legislation

House Bill 11-1210 requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to make prioritized recommendations to the General Assembly regarding actions that may be taken prior to July 1, 2017 to improve mobility along the Interstate 70 (I-70) Mountain Corridor. Recommendations are to:

- include consideration of capacity expansion options — including the opening of I-70 hard shoulders to traffic at peak congestion times, and use of nongovernmental actions to improve mobility;
- provide funding estimates necessary for implementation of each recommendation, and available or potential funding sources; and
- include consultation with local governments and interested businesses along the corridor.

The bill requires CDOT to report its recommendations to the House and Senate Transportation Committees by February 15, 2012. The bill takes effect on August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. To implement the bill, CDOT is not required to conduct new studies or gather additional data. CDOT staff costs associated with assessing existing data, studies, and other resources, as well as staff time devoted to report preparation, are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Departments Contacted

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