

First Regular Session  
Sixty-eighth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 11-1063.01 Nicole Myers

HOUSE BILL 11-1311

---

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Swerdfeger and Kerr A., Stephens, Pace

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Giron, Cadman

---

House Committees

Economic and Business Development

Senate Committees

---

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS THAT THE  
102 COLORADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MAY  
103 APPROVE FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF TWO INITIAL PROJECTS  
104 PURSUANT TO THE "COLORADO REGIONAL TOURISM ACT".

---

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 "Colorado Regional Tourism Act" allows the Colorado economic development commission (commission) to approve up to 2

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.

applications from local governments for large-scale tourism related projects (projects). The bill authorizes the commission to approve an additional 2 project applications in the calendar year following the commission's approval of the 2 initial projects and approve another 2 project applications in the calendar year following the commission's approval of the first additional 2 projects.

---

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-46-305 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **24-46-305. Regional tourism project approval - director -**  
5 **commission - review.** (2) (a) Upon review of each application for  
6 completeness, the director shall forward the application to any county or  
7 counties where the regional tourism project will be implemented and to  
8 municipalities adjacent to where the regional tourism project will be  
9 implemented for an opportunity to review the application and submit  
10 comments to the commission. The director shall provide such counties  
11 and municipalities with the application at least thirty days prior to the  
12 public hearing held pursuant to subsection (3) of this section. The  
13 director shall also forward the application to the commission with a  
14 recommendation that the commission approve or deny the application or  
15 approve the application with conditions; except that the commission shall  
16 not approve any project that, if approved, would likely create a state sales  
17 tax revenue dedication of more than fifty million dollars to all regional  
18 tourism projects in any given year.

19 (b) (I) The commission shall not approve more than two INITIAL  
20 projects PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2).

21 (II) IN THE CALENDAR YEAR SUCCEEDING THE COMMISSION'S  
22 APPROVAL OF TWO INITIAL PROJECTS PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF

1 THIS PARAGRAPH (b), THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE TWO ADDITIONAL  
2 PROJECTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2).

3 (III) IN THE CALENDAR YEAR SUCCEEDING THE COMMISSION'S  
4 APPROVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL PROJECTS PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH  
5 (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE TWO  
6 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2).

7 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
8 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
10 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a  
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
16 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.