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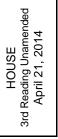
A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COLORADO OFFICE OF
102	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK TO MAINTAIN THE STATE'S
103	POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED
104	FORCES.

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 <u>http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.</u>)

The bill requires the Colorado office of economic development (office), in addition to its general duties, to maintain the state's positive





interactions with the United States armed forces by advocating for the state's involvement in current and potential military missions, supporting private Colorado businesses that bid for contracts with the United States military, and assisting the state's congressional delegation in protecting Colorado's current United States armed forces commands from future military base realignments or closures.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-48.5-120 as
3	follows:
4	24-48.5-120. Maintain relationship with United States armed
5	forces - legislative declaration. $(1)(a)$ The general assembly hereby
6	FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
7	(I) The defense sector is one of the state's largest
8	ECONOMIC SECTORS, WITH AN IMPACT EXCEEDING TEN BILLION DOLLARS
9	PER YEAR;
10	(II) THE UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE STATE IS
11	DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
12	IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE SECTOR;
13	(III) THE DEFENSE SECTOR, UNLIKE MOST SECTORS OF THE STATE'S
14	ECONOMY, IS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY DECISIONS MADE IN
15	WASHINGTON, D.C.;
16	$(\mathrm{IV})~\mathrm{The}\mathrm{branches}\mathrm{of}\mathrm{the}\mathrm{United}\mathrm{States}\mathrm{armed}\mathrm{services}\mathrm{are}$
17	FACING MULTIPLE YEARS OF DECLINING BUDGETS AND ARE MAKING
18	IMPORTANT DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE TO CONDUCT NECESSARY ACTIVITIES
19	AND PROGRAMS;
20	(V) STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE PLACING GREATER FOCUS
21	ON THE DEFENSE SECTOR AND ARE CREATING STRONGER COMPETITION FOR
22	JOBS TIED TO THAT SECTOR; AND

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(VI) THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY IS EXPERIENCING CONSOLIDATIONS
 AND ALSO MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE IT WILL CONTINUE TO
 OPERATE.

4 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT
5 THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ABLE TO HELP THE
6 STATE PROTECT AND GROW ITS ECONOMY BY BEING FULLY ENGAGED IN
7 SUPPORTING THE DEFENSE SECTOR.

8 (2) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 9 24-48.5-101, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL 10 PROTECT AND GROW THE STATE'S ECONOMY BY BEING FULLY ENGAGED IN 11 SUPPORTING THE DEFENSE SECTOR AND INFLUENCING THE DEFENSE 12 SECTOR DECISION MAKING PROCESSES THAT OCCUR AT THE FEDERAL 13 LEVEL. THE OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN THE STATE'S POSITIVE INTERACTIONS 14 WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES BY ADVOCATING FOR THE 15 STATE'S INVOLVEMENT IN CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MILITARY MISSIONS, 16 SUPPORTING PRIVATE COLORADO BUSINESSES THAT BID FOR CONTRACTS 17 WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, AND ASSISTING THE STATE'S 18 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IN PROTECTING COLORADO'S CURRENT 19 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES COMMANDS FROM FUTURE MILITARY BASE 20 REALIGNMENTS OR CLOSURES.

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

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