



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 01-001

BY SENATOR(S) Taylor, Chlouber, Dyer (Durango), Hillman, Matsunaka, Musgrave, Perlmutter, Teck, Thiebaut, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Dennis, Dyer (Arapahoe), Epps, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hernandez, Lamborn, Linkhart, May, McElhany, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Phillips, Reeves, Takis, Tate, Tupa, and Windels;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Rippy, White, Alexander, Berry, Dean, Kester, Larson, Miller, Smith, Snook, Young, Bacon, Borodkin, Boyd, Cadman, Chavez, Clapp, Cloer, Coleman, Crane, Daniel, Decker, Fairbank, Fritz, Garcia, Groff, Grossman, Hefley, Hodge, Hoppe, Jahn, Jameson, Johnson, King, Lawrence, Lee, Mace, Madden, Marshall, Mitchell, Nunez, Paschall, Plant, Ragsdale, Rhodes, Romanoff, Saliman, Sanchez, Schultheis, Scott, Sinclair, Spence, Spradley, Stafford, Stengel, Swenson, Tapia, Tochtrop, Veiga, Vigil, Webster, Weddig, Williams S., Williams T., and Witwer.

CONCERNING FUNDING TO SUPPORT AIR SERVICE
THROUGHOUT COLORADO.

WHEREAS, Air transportation is a critical transportation link within the Colorado statewide transportation system for all citizens of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Air service in Colorado is vital to the health and economic well-being of the local, regional, state, and national economy; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly supports the appropriation of \$3.3 billion in 2002 as authorized under the federal "Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century" ("AIR 21"), P.L. 106-181, 114 Stat. 61, to increase capacity and infrastructure at airports throughout Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly supports the appropriation of \$27.5 million in 2002 and in 2003 to the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program, 49 U.S.C. sec. 41743, as identified under section 203 of AIR 21, to improve air carrier service to airports not receiving sufficient air carrier service or service with unreasonably high air fares; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly supports the continuation of the Essential Air Service Program, 49 U.S.C. sec. 41742, which ensures scheduled air service will be provided to the Colorado communities of Aspen, Alamosa, Colorado Springs, Cortez, Denver, Durango, Grand Junction, Gunnison, Hayden / Steamboat Springs, Lamar, Montrose, and Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly declares that by providing improved air service to communities throughout Colorado, the overall statewide transportation system will be improved for all citizens; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the General Assembly hereby supports and encourages the United States Congress to appropriate the funding levels authorized under AIR 21 and programs such as the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program and the Essential Air Service Program to enhance competition and air service to communities throughout Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this joint memorial be transmitted to:

- The Federal Aviation Administration;
- The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Subcommittees on Transportation;
- The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation;
- The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Subcommittee on Aviation;
- The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Subcommittee on Aviation;
- Colorado Department of Transportation;

- Western Governors' Association;
- Colorado Counties, Inc.;
- Colorado Municipal League;
- Club 20;
- Colorado Airport Operators Association;
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association;
- Action 22;
- Progressive 15; and
- To each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation.

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