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**HOUSE BILL 01-1143**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION**  
102 **ALTERNATIVES FOR LOW-INCOME WORKERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Establishes the Colorado transportation alternatives for low-income workers task force ("task force"), which will be made up of members of the general assembly and other interested parties. Requires the task force to study current transportation assistance programs for Colorado works participants and options for the enhancement of statewide transportation alternatives for Colorado works participants and other low-income workers.

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.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 2 of title 26, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **26-2-138. Colorado transportation alternatives for low-income**  
5 **workers task force - legislative declaration - creation - duties - repeal.**

6 (1) **Legislative declaration.** (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS  
7 THAT:

8 (I) TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS HAVE IMPEDED COLORADO WORKS  
9 PARTICIPANTS' ABILITY TO SECURE AND RETAIN EMPLOYMENT;

10 (II) THESE BARRIERS INCLUDE INADEQUATE PUBLIC  
11 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, UNRELIABLE PERSONAL VEHICLES, AND A  
12 SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE BETWEEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND THE  
13 PARTICIPANTS' RESIDENCES;

14 (III) THE BARRIERS FACED BY THOSE WITHOUT ACCESS TO A  
15 VEHICLE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALSO NEED TO BE ADDRESSED; AND

16 (IV) TRANSPORTATION IS A STATEWIDE ISSUE THAT AFFECTS NOT  
17 ONLY COLORADO WORKS PARTICIPANTS, BUT OTHER LOW-INCOME  
18 FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

19 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THEREFORE, HEREBY DECLARES THAT  
20 THE FACTORS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) REQUIRE THE MEMBERS  
21 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO OBTAIN  
22 INFORMATION AND FORMULATE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS IN ORDER  
23 TO ENABLE COLORADO WORKS PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME  
24 WORKERS TO SECURE AND RETAIN EMPLOYMENT IN COLORADO.

25 (2) **Creation - membership.** (a) (I) IN ORDER TO STUDY THE  
26 TRANSPORTATION ISSUES THAT PRESENT THEMSELVES TO FAMILIES ON

1 WELFARE AND OTHER LOW-INCOME WORKERS IN THIS STATE, THERE IS  
2 HEREBY CREATED THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FOR  
3 LOW-INCOME WORKERS TASK FORCE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE  
4 "TASK FORCE". THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS,  
5 INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT WILL BE  
6 SELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

7 (A) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO  
8 SHALL NOT BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AND WHO ARE APPOINTED  
9 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ONE OF THE  
10 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE HOUSE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE,  
12 AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE.

13 (B) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WHO SHALL NOT BE FROM THE  
14 SAME POLITICAL PARTY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT  
15 THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CHILDREN, AND  
16 FAMILIES COMMITTEE AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL  
17 APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE.

18 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO WORKS FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED  
19 ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM  
20 PARTICIPANTS, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
21 OF REPRESENTATIVES;

22 (D) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT  
23 ISSUES AUTO INSURANCE, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
24 THE SENATE;

25 (E) THREE MEMBERS WHO ARE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, TWO OF  
26 WHOM SHALL BE FROM RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, AND WHO SHALL BE  
27 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

1 (F) TWO MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT  
2 OF THE SENATE, ONE OF WHOM IS A CURRENT COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM  
3 PARTICIPANT AND ONE OF WHOM IS A FORMER COLORADO WORKS  
4 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT;

5 (G) THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
6 TRANSPORTATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

7 (H) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR  
8 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

9 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL  
10 OF GOVERNMENTS, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

11 (J) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
12 DISTRICT, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

13 (II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
14 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL JOINTLY DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF THE  
15 TASK FORCE TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK FORCE.

16 (b) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE MADE BY  
17 AUGUST 1, 2001.

18 (c) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
19 COMPENSATION; EXCEPT THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT  
20 SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE PAID AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 2-2-307, C.R.S., FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE TASK  
22 FORCE.

23 (d) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES.

24 (e) THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL BE MADE  
25 AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE TASK FORCE IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER  
26 THIS SECTION.

27 (3) **Duties.** (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AT LEAST THE

1 FOLLOWING ISSUES:

2 (I) CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY  
3 COUNTIES TO COLORADO WORKS PARTICIPANTS;

4 (II) OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO COLORADO WORKS  
5 PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME WORKERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
6 AUTOMOBILES, RESOURCES FOR CAR REPAIR, AND PAYMENT OF AUTO  
7 INSURANCE; AND

8 (III) WAYS TO ENHANCE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
9 ALTERNATIVES IN BOTH THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE.

10 (b) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN  
11 REPORT ON THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OR BEFORE  
12 NOVEMBER 1, 2001, TO THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE, AND  
13 INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
14 HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
15 SENATE. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE  
16 CHANGES WHICH SHALL BE TREATED AS BILLS RECOMMENDED BY AN  
17 INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION  
18 DEADLINES OR BILL LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE  
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

20 (4) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2002.

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