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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: MODIFY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2015-2016 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	<u>\$22,644</u>	<u>\$22,644</u>	
General Fund	22,320	22,320	
Centrally Appropriated Costs	324	324	
TABOR Impact			
FTE Position Change			
Appropriation Required: \$22,320 - Legislative Department (FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17).			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill, ***recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC)***, requires that the TLRC study current Transportation Commission (commission) districts to determine whether the number and boundaries of the districts should be modified and how. Legislative Council Staff (LCS), with the assistance of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), must submit a report to the TLRC no later than August 1, 2016, that details changes since the last time the districts were modified. The report must consider existing county and municipal boundaries, regional transportation areas and districts, and transportation planning regions (TPRs). The report must also include the population, number of lane miles, and annual vehicle miles traveled for each district.

The TLRC must hold public meetings in the major geographical regions of the state to discuss potential modifications to commission districts and may recommend legislation, not subject to review by the Legislative Council, to modify the number and boundaries of commission districts.

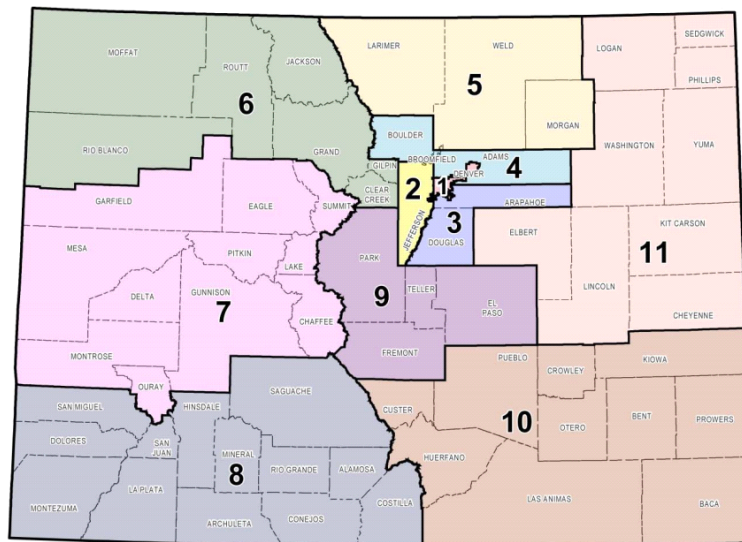
Background

The commission is required to meet at least eight times per year and generally is responsible for:

- formulating general policy related to management, construction, and maintenance of highways and other transportation systems;
- prescribing administrative practices for CDOT;
- making all orders, rules, and regulations necessary to carry out transportation programs;
- adopting budgets and programs; and
- making recommendations to CDOT, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

The districts that commission members represent have been expanded and redrawn several times over the 102 years the commission has existed. The 11 current districts were established in 1991 and are illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Current Transportation Commission Districts



Source: Colorado Department of Transportation

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the Legislative Department by \$22,644 in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17. These costs, which include legislator and staff travel to hearings in the major geographical regions of the state, are listed in Table 1 below. Should the TLRC decide to tour the state during the 2016 interim separately from the hearings stipulated in this bill, travel and hearing costs may be shared and thus, these estimated costs could decrease.

Assumptions. This fiscal note assumes that four public hearings will be sufficient to cover the major geographical regions of the state and that four staff members (three LCS, one staff from the Office of Legislative Legal Services) will accompany the 18 members of the TLRC to each hearing. Historically, meeting space for the TLRC has not required expenditures, so no increased costs are included in the fiscal note for this purpose. The fiscal note also assumes:

- legislator per diem is \$110 per hearing;
- travel costs for both staff and legislators are \$390 per person per hearing (2 days of travel costs at \$195 per day), and include lodging, meals, and mileage;
- van rental is \$600 per hearing; and
- the hearings will occur in the summer of 2016, with two in FY 2015-16 and two in FY 2016-17.

Cost Components	FY 2015-16 (current year)	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Legislator per diem & travel	\$18,000	\$18,000	
Staff travel	3,120	3,120	
Van rental	1,200	1,200	
Centrally Appropriated Costs	324	324	
TOTAL	\$22,644	\$22,644	

**Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.*

Staffing costs. The bill increases the workload of LCS and CDOT by requiring the agencies to study and report on changes to the Transportation Commission districts. This workload increase is expected to be addressed with existing resources and not require an additional appropriation.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 2.

Cost Components	FY 2015-16 (current year)	FY 2016-17	FY 2017- 2018
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	\$324	\$324	
TOTAL	\$324	\$324	

Local Government and Statutory Public Entity Impact

To the extent that TPRs and local governments are asked to contribute both to the study and at the public hearings, there will be an increase in workload for those entities.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

The Legislative Department requires a General Fund appropriation of \$22,320 for both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17.

State and Local Government Contacts

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