

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Transportation & Energy.

SB24-184 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 20, strike "Rental cars" and substitute
2 "All rental cars, regardless of where they are rented, use public highways
3 and" and strike "highways," and substitute "highway systems,".

4 Page 5, line 5, strike "encounter." and substitute "encounter throughout
5 the state. A generally applicable fee on short-term vehicle rentals would
6 equitably support investment in such offsets to reduce congestion on the
7 public highway system.".

8 Page 7, line 3, strike "fulfill" and substitute "advance".

9 Page 7, after line 13 insert:

10 "(o) As Colorado continues to invest in smart, dense
11 transit-oriented development, it needs high-capacity mass transit to help
12 meet the travel demands of residents, and density itself supports the
13 implementation of mass transit because higher levels of density and
14 transit service are strongly correlated with a reduction in vehicle miles
15 traveled and general car use, which helps increase affordability for
16 residents;".

17 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

18 Page 7, line 19, after "rail." insert "As freight traffic volumes, types, and
19 commodities shift and change, we have an opportunity to partner with the
20 freight rail system for dual use of existing freight rail lines to include
21 northern rocky mountain passenger rail service.".

22 Page 8, after line 14 insert:

23 "(r) In addition to the proposed future passenger rail service for
24 the northern Rocky Mountains, there are multiple other underutilized or
25 abandoned freight rail rights-of-way that could be repurposed for
26 passenger rail service to connect mountain communities with the front
27 range, and the state should continue to explore opportunities for
28 establishing more passenger rail services.".

29 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

30 Page 10, line 17, strike "cooperation or a lack of cooperation" and
31 substitute "coordination".

1 Page 10, after line 24 insert:

2 "(3) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

3 (a) The division will complete a report on the status of a service
4 development plan for the northern rocky mountain rail corridor by
5 December 31, 2024;

6 (b) The division has identified potential private partners to operate
7 new passenger rail services along the northern rocky mountain rail
8 corridor;

9 (c) Western slope communities in Grand, Routt and Moffat
10 counties have existing and emerging transportation needs that are
11 currently underserved; and

12 (d) As it is the intent of the general assembly to ensure not only
13 expanded passenger rail service from Denver to Winter Park but also to
14 establish passenger rail service from Denver to Craig and Hayden, this act
15 also requires the division:

16 (I) To report to the general assembly regarding a plan and an
17 expeditious timeline by which CDOT will deliver passenger rail service
18 from Denver to the Hayden and Craig communities; and

19 (II) To report periodically to the general assembly regarding its
20 planning and implementation progress and barriers and challenges it faces
21 for extending service along the full length of the northern rocky mountain
22 rail corridor.".

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