



**Colorado  
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**HB17-1031**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Carver; Mitsch Bush Sen. Cooke; Todd	<b>Bill Status:</b> Postponed Indefinitely
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**BILL TOPIC:** HEARINGS ON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DISTRICTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

**NOTE:** This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill, *recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee* (TLRC), requires the TLRC to meet five times before November 15, 2017, to:

- make available the House Bill 16-1031 research study of changes to the Colorado Transportation Commission districts since 1991; and
- offer an opportunity for public input regarding the districts, the study, and whether the districts should be modified.

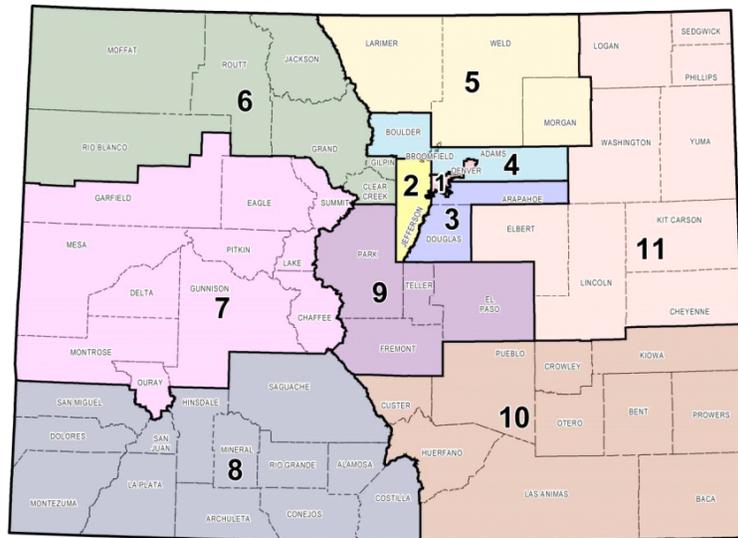
Of the five meetings, four are to take place in each quadrant of the state and one in Denver. The committee may also consider the use of remote testimony.

**Background**

**House Bill 16-1031.** HB 16-1031 required the Legislative Council Staff (LCS), in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), to prepare and present a research study of changes to the state Transportation Commission districts since 1991 to the TLRC during the 2016 interim. The study documents changes since the last time the General Assembly modified the number and boundaries of the Transportation Commission districts in 1991, including changes in population, number of lane miles, and annual vehicle miles traveled in each of the commission districts. The study also takes into account existing county and municipal boundaries, regional transportation authorities, the Regional Transportation District, and transportation planning regions. The HB 16-1031 study is available under the Publications tab at [leg.colorado.gov](http://leg.colorado.gov).

**Transportation Commission.** The Transportation Commission consists of 11 commissioners, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, each representing a corresponding district whose boundaries are defined by statute. 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

The Transportation Commission is generally responsible for:

- formulating general policy related to the 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.

Commission members must reside in the districts they represent, and serve terms of four years. The commission must meet at least eight times per year, and the Governor, the commission chair, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) executive director, and a majority of the commission's members may call special meetings. Commission members receive \$75 per meeting, along with expenses.

### State Expenditures

In FY 2017-18, workload will increase in the Legislative Department and CDOT to hold statewide hearings during the interim. This workload increase is described below.

**Legislative Department.** In FY 2017-18, this bill will increase workload in LCS and OLLS for staff involved with the TLRC to hold five public hearings, one in each quadrant of the state and one in Denver, between July 1 and November 15. As these trips have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, these meetings will be incorporated into the interim agenda for the TLRC; per diem and travel costs for legislators and staff are expected to be accomplished within the existing appropriations for the TLRC.

**Department of Transportation.** Costs will increase in CDOT to send four representatives, two from each region where the hearing is held and two from headquarters, to each of the five meetings. These costs are estimated at \$2,630 and include per diem, mileage or gas reimbursements, and hotel accommodations for the Denver representatives. These costs will be allocated from the existing Transportation Commission budget and paid for out of CDOT's continuously appropriated cash fund, the State Highway Fund.

### **Local Government and Statutory Public Entity Impact**

To the extent that local governments and statutory public entities want to participate in these hearings, there will be an increase in workload and costs for those entities. These fiscal impacts have not been estimated, but are assumed to be minimal.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Legislative Council Committee on April 28, 2017.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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