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HB17-1031

FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: HEARINGS ON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DISTRICTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$54,645	
General Fund	51,124	
Cash Funds	2,630	
Centrally Appropriated Costs	891	
Appropriation Required: \$51,124 - Legislative Department (FY 2017-18).		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

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.

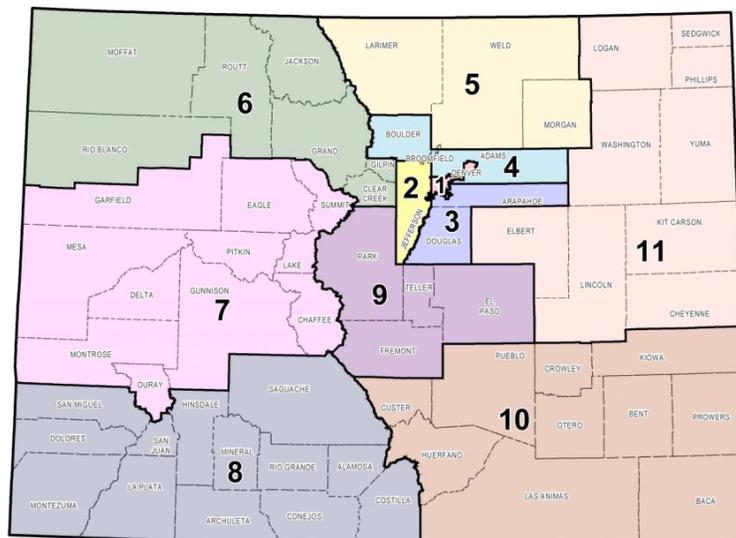
Background

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.

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

The bill increases expenditures in the Legislative Department by \$54,645 in FY 2017-18 only. These costs are listed in Table 1 below. The costs estimated in this fiscal note could decrease if the TLRC opts to use remote testimony in lieu of field hearings to satisfy its hearing requirements under the bill.

Assumptions. This fiscal note assumes that five public hearings will be held, one in each quadrant of the state and one in Denver, between July 1 and November 15, 2017.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB17-1031	
Cost Components	FY 2017-18
Legislator per diem and travel	\$41,364
Staff travel	6,560
Van and meeting room rental	3,200
CDOT staff per diem and travel	2,630
Centrally appropriated costs*	891
TOTAL	\$54,645

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

Legislator per diem and travel costs. Each of the TLRC's 18 legislators in attendance will receive per diem, at a rate of \$110, for each of the five meeting days under the bill (per diem is not granted for travel days). Travel costs are estimated at \$205 per travel day, or \$410 per trip, for the hearings in the four quadrants of the state, and include lodging, meals, and mileage. Legislators will require mileage reimbursement for the Denver meeting at an average rate of \$108 per legislator.

Staff travel. Four staff members — three from LCS and one from the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) — will accompany the TLRC to each hearing. Staff travel costs are also \$205 per day, or \$410 for trip, for four trips. Workload will also increase in LCS and OLLS for those staff involved with the TLRC. These workload impacts can be addressed within the existing appropriations of these agencies.

Van and meeting room rental. Van and meeting room rental costs will occur when the TLRC travels to the four quadrants of the state. Van rental is estimated at \$600 per two-day trip, or \$2,400 total for four trips. Meeting room rental is estimated at \$200 per hearing, or \$800 total for four hearings.

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.

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.

Table 2. Centrally Appropriated Costs Under Bill 1	
Cost Components	FY 2017-18
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	\$891
TOTAL	\$891

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 takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$51,124 to the Legislative Department for FY 2017-18. No appropriation is required for CDOT.

State and Local Government Contacts

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