



State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council

Requested by: Speaker Duran and Representative Pabon

Re: Request for Interim Study Committee Regarding Impact Mitigation of Large Transportation Projects

Date: 04/14/2017

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

We hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study approaches to address and mitigate the impacts of large transportation projects during the interim between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Interim Committee on Impact Mitigation of Large Transportation Projects."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- Identification of anticipated impacts of large transportation projects that are either underway or planned to begin, including the specific effects of particular projects.

Impacts to be considered include:

- Potential air pollution in areas neighboring a project;
- Potential groundwater pollution in areas neighboring a project;
- Disruptions affecting residents and businesses in a project area;
- Displacement of residents and businesses from a project area; and
- Other concerns of residents and businesses in areas neighboring a project.
- Specific ways that federal, state, and local governments have mitigated the impacts of past projects and are mitigating impacts of current projects across the state and country.
- Proposals to mitigate the anticipated impacts of future large transportation projects located in Colorado, including proposals involving specific projects.

The interim study committee would need to meet two times to study the policy issues outlined above.

The committee is authorized to approve up to three bills to address the outlined issues.

The interim study committee should consist of six members of the general assembly selected as follows:

- three Senators; two appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Senate minority leader.
- three Representatives; two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The chair will be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the vice-chair will be appointed by the President of the Senate.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2017.

Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request

The following agencies may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim committee:

- The Department of Transportation;
- The Housing Division within the Department of Local Affairs; and
- Within the Department of Public Health and Environment:
 - Air Pollution Control Division;
 - Center for Health and Environmental Data;
 - Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability;
 - Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division; and
 - Water Quality Control Division

The committee may seek information from local governments and their agencies as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.