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FISCAL NOTE

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

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Rep. Lawrence

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BILL TOPIC: STUDY TRANSPORTATION ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue	Potential increase. See State Revenue section.		
State Expenditures	Workload and potential expenditure increase. See State Expenditures section.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a technical demonstration forum within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to review transportation needs for people with disabilities throughout the state and study how advanced technologies can improve access. The following agency directors and superintendents, or their designees, must serve on the forum:

- CDLE (chair);
- Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (vice-chair);
- Public Utilities Commission;
- Office of Information Technology;
- Department of Human Services;
- Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and
- the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind.

The bill lists a variety of stakeholders and transportation and technology service providers that the forum is required to invite to present. A center for independent living in or near El Paso or Teller Counties is specified as the meeting place. The bill allows for the use of tele- or video-conferencing. No staff support is provided in the bill.

The forum may recommend legislation. It may also recommend that CDLE enter into a contract with a technology developer, transportation network company (e.g. Uber or Lyft), taxicab service, or other technological or transportation business solution provider to conduct a pilot program in El Paso and/or Teller County to be completed prior to December 1, 2017.

The forum must meet before July 1, 2017, and may meet as many times as deemed necessary by the chair. No later than December 31, 2017, it must publish a report of its research and findings on CDLE's website and provide copies to the Governor, the leadership of the General Assembly, and to members of the Joint Budget Committee. It repeals July 1, 2018.

State Revenue

Should the forum recommend that CDLE procure and contract for a pilot program, a funding source will need to be identified in FY 2016-17 or FY 2017-18. The CDLE may unconditionally accept gifts, grants, and donations to fund its programs. As of this writing, no source of gifts, grants, or donations has been identified. Gifts, grants, and donations are TABOR exempt.

State Expenditures

From FY 2016-17 through FY 2017-18, the bill will increase workload and potentially increase expenditures in CDLE. It will also minimally increase workload in the other agencies that are required to participate in the forum. The workload increase can be accomplished within the existing appropriations of each agency. The potential expenditure increase to CDLE is discussed further below.

Department of Labor and Employment. CDLE will provide leadership, communications resources, and research to the forum within existing workloads. Should the forum recommend that CDLE procure and contract for a pilot program, and a source of gifts, grants, or donations be identified to fund the pilot program, expenditures will increase by the amount of the grant. If a grant source is not identified, the department may require funding through the annual budget process to conduct the pilot program. Additional time may be required to complete a competitive procurement and implement a study. See Technical Note.

Other agencies. In addition to the CDLE, several state agencies are named participants in the forum, including the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; the Public Utilities Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies; the Office of Information Technology in the Governor's Office; the Department of Human Services; the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind in the Department of Education. These agencies can accomplish the workload impact of participating in the forum within existing appropriations.

Local Government and Statutory Public Entity Impact

County social service agencies may experience a minimal workload increase to participate in the forum. While other local governments and statutory public entities are not named participants in the forum, these groups will experience a minimal workload impact to the extent they participate in the forum's stakeholder process.

Technical Note

If funding is identified for a pilot program, the bill's six-month time frame to conduct a pilot program may not provide enough time for a competitive procurement process to occur.

Effective Date

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

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