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Transportation, Housing & Local Government
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE**
102 **COMMISSION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Section 2 of the bill creates the regional planning roundtable commission (commission) within the department of local affairs. The commission is a 15-member board with members who serve 2-year terms. The purposes of the commission include:

- Assisting local governments in complying with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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- Assisting local governments in accessing state and federal resources and technical assistance for complying with statutory housing, land use, or other planning requirements;
- In cooperation with local governments, creating, managing, and revising regions as necessary for the purpose of establishing a regional roundtable to address regional housing, land use, or other planning challenges and opportunities; and
- Assisting local governments in establishing a regional roundtable to address regional housing, land use, or other planning challenges and opportunities.

Section 3 allows money in the housing needs planning technical assistance fund to be used for the planning, establishment, and implementation of the commission.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Uncoordinated and unplanned growth, together with a lack of
5 common goals expressing the public's interest in the wise use of state
6 lands, poses a threat to economic resources and resiliency, the
7 environment and climate, affordable and decent housing, access to
8 adequate public facilities and services, and the health, safety, and high
9 quality of life enjoyed by Colorado residents;

10 (b) It is in the public interest that communities, local governments,
11 regional and state agencies, and both the public and the private sectors
12 take integrated and comprehensive actions to manage growth and
13 economic opportunity;

14 (c) It is in the public interest to ensure that the use of land, the
15 provision of adequate facilities and services, wise use of resources, and
16 the availability of housing for all occur in a manner that protects citizens,
17 communities, economic interests, businesses, and the environment from

1 preventable threats and hardships;

2 (d) Local governments, in partnership with regional and state
3 agencies, are key to providing support, knowledge, insight, and
4 encouragement to help communities thrive and to be sustainable, resilient,
5 and equitable;

6 (e) Laws, rules, and regulations addressing local master planning,
7 as well as regional and state strategic planning, have been developed at
8 different points in time and vary in their content, character, and intent;

9 (f) Some laws, rules, and regulations that address planning are
10 advisory, while others address requirements of statewide, regional, and
11 local significance;

12 (g) There are many state laws that address planning issues
13 incrementally and independently of other related issues, which leads to
14 planning that is piecemeal and often one-dimensional;

15 (h) Contemporary planning requires integrated approaches to
16 complex interrelated challenges through a more unified framework;

17 (i) Successfully and efficiently addressing 21st century planning
18 challenges require an integrated and comprehensive approach;

19 (j) A unified planning framework that recognizes
20 interrelationships among contemporary topics and issues is needed to
21 achieve truly comprehensive planning;

22 (k) A unified planning framework will simplify the planning
23 process by addressing challenges that are interdependent and mutually
24 reinforcing;

25 (l) A unified planning framework makes planning more accessible
26 and easier to understand for community members, decision-makers, and
27 staff and for both the public and private sectors;

1 (m) Where there are common borders and related regional issues
2 among jurisdictions, regional roundtables provide an opportunity to
3 provide consistency and compatibility among planning policies and
4 implementation;

5 (n) A unified planning framework allows for local customization
6 and tailoring among Colorado's distinct regional and local places;

7 (o) A common planning framework provides a mechanism for
8 ensuring that interrelated topics and issues can be addressed in distinct
9 regional and local contexts; and

10 (p) Resource lands, rural lands, urban lands, and resort
11 communities are each distinct and have their own challenges and
12 opportunities that require customized planning approaches.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-3709.5 as
14 follows:

15 **24-32-3709.5. Regional planning roundtable commission -**
16 **establishment - facilitating - notice to revisor - definition.** (1) THE
17 REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE COMMISSION IS CREATED IN THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

19 (2) THE COMMISSION IS A **TYPE 2** ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
20 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND
21 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

22 (3) (a) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF **TWENTY-ONE** MEMBERS
23 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

24 (I) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL
25 LEAGUE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY THE
26 COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OR THE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

27 (II) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING COLORADO COUNTIES, INC., OR

1 ANY SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY COLORADO COUNTIES,
2 INC., OR THE SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

3 (III) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 AGRICULTURE, APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE;

5 (IV) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING COUNTIES AND COMMISSIONERS
6 ACTING TOGETHER, OR ANY SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY
7 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTIES AND COMMISSIONERS ACTING
8 TOGETHER OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

9 (V) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING COMMUNITY PLANNING
10 PROFESSIONALS, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS;

12 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A COLORADO RESIDENT REPRESENTING
13 AN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-33.5-2601 (2),
14 AND WHO IS A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE WITH
15 HISTORIC TIES TO COLORADO;

16 (VII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
17 RESOURCES, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

19 (VIII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE COLORADO ENERGY
20 OFFICE, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE;

21 (IX) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT
22 OF TRANSPORTATION, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
23 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

24 (X) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
25 AFFAIRS, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
26 OF LOCAL AFFAIRS;

27 (XI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE SPECIAL DISTRICT

1 ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO, OR ANY SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION,
2 APPOINTED BY THE SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO OR THE
3 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;

4 (XII) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
5 APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL
6 AFFAIRS;

7 (XIII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
8 GOVERNMENTS, APPOINTED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
9 SELECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE GOVERNOR;

10 (XIV) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN CLIMATE AND
11 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT;

13 (XV) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN TOURISM, APPOINTED BY
14 THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE; AND

15 (XVI) FOUR MEMBERS, EACH REPRESENTING A DISTINCT REGION
16 OF THE STATE, EACH APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

18 (b) APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION SHALL BE MADE WITH A
19 CONSIDERATION OF THE ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC
20 REPRESENTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

21 (c) THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION SHALL BE
22 MADE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

23 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WHO IS APPOINTED
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION SERVES AT THE
25 PLEASURE OF THE RELEVANT APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF
26 APPOINTMENT IS THREE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERM OF THE MEMBERS
27 INITIALLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (3)(a)(XIII) AND

1 (3)(a)(XVI) OF THIS SECTION IS TWO YEARS.

2 (4) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SERVE WITHOUT
3 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

4 (5) (a) THE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS PURSUANT
6 TO SUBSECTION (3)(a)(X) SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
7 COMMISSION AS NECESSARY TO ELECT A CHAIR AND ESTABLISH THE
8 COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND OPERATION FRAMEWORK.

9 (b) AFTER MEETING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS
10 SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ONLY MEET WHEN A LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN ADDRESSING A REGIONAL
12 OPPORTUNITY OR CHALLENGE. WHEN MEETING TO PROVIDE THIS
13 ASSISTANCE, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

14 (I) DEFINE A REGION FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL
15 ROUNDTABLE TO ASSIST IN ADDRESSING THE REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY OR
16 CHALLENGE;

17 (II) CONSIDERING LOCAL EXPERTISE, SUGGEST WHO SHOULD SERVE
18 ON THE REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH
19 ADDRESSING THE REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY OR CHALLENGE; AND

20 (III) IDENTIFY STATE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN
21 ADDRESSING THE REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY OR CHALLENGE.

22 (6) THE COMMISSION MAY:

23 (a) CONSIDER ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
24 INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING, WHICH FRAMEWORK SHALL
25 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, AT A MINIMUM:

26 (I) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS;

27 (II) DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS;

- 1 (III) HOUSING AND HOUSING NEEDS;
- 2 (IV) TRANSPORTATION;
- 3 (V) SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE;
- 4 (VI) ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT; AND
- 5 (VII) HEALTHY COMMUNITIES; AND

6 (b) HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH
7 RELEVANT PERSONS.

8 (7) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR AFTER WHICH THE
9 COMMISSION FIRST MEETS, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR
10 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION,
11 HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING
13 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE
14 REPORT MUST INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF ANY ASSISTANCE THAT THE
15 COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

16 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
17 REQUIRES, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE
18 COMMISSION.

19 (9) (a) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
20 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO
21 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT IMPLEMENT THIS
22 SECTION UNTIL IT RECEIVES AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
23 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

24 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-75-1305, FOR STATE FISCAL
25 YEAR 2026-27 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
27 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

1 (10) SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (9) OF THIS SECTION WILL TAKE EFFECT
2 IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
3 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE
4 DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE
5 DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (11) HAS
6 OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO
7 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV. SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (9) OF THIS
8 SECTION TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT
9 THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
10 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION OR,
11 IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE
12 NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

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14 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) Except
15 as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this act takes effect at 12:01
16 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
17 final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum
18 petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state
19 constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within
20 such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
21 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
22 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
23 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

24 (2) Section 1 of this act and sections 24-32-3709.5 (1), (2), (3),
25 (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in
26 section 2 of this act, shall only take effect upon receipt of the notice to the
27 Revisor of Statutes required by section 24-32-3709.5 (11), Colorado

1 Revised Statutes, as enacted in section 2 of this act.