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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TRANSIT REFORM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
102 CREATING STUDY, PLANNING, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;
103 INCREASING COORDINATION AMONG TRANSIT AGENCIES,
104 GOVERNMENT, AND PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS; AUTHORIZING
105 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO
106 SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS; CREATING A REGIONAL
107 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE;
108 ADDING NONVOTING MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL
109 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND
110 REQUIRING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO
111 EMPHASIZE RIDERSHIP GROWTH, WORKER RETENTION, SAFETY,
112 AND STATEWIDE CLIMATE GOALS.

*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.*

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>.)

The bill makes the following changes for the purpose of improving the performance of the regional transportation district (RTD):

- Authorizes RTD to enter into a service partnership agreement with a local government, institution of higher education, or other entity to expand services within RTD's service territory (**section 2** of the bill);
- Requires RTD, in discharging its responsibilities, to (**section 3**):
 - Align with statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets, "Transportation Vision 2035" goals, and mode choice targets as will be developed according to Senate Bill 25-030, if enacted;
 - Create worker retention goals;
 - Adhere to the requirements of "General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers", issued on September 25, 2024, by the federal transit administration of the United States department of transportation; and
 - Develop performance measures to evaluate its progress in aligning with state climate goals and achieving its worker retention goals;
- Requires RTD to create a 10-year strategic plan no later than April 10, 2026, and a comprehensive operational analysis no less frequently than every 5 years beginning in 2026, and to report quarterly to the RTD board of directors regarding the plan and analysis (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD, in conjunction with the creation of its 10-year strategic plan, to study or contract with a third party to study and identify opportunities to increase funding to achieve the goals, measures, and targets identified in the 10-year strategic plan (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to create, maintain, and publish on its website information and dashboards related to capital projects, ridership and service information, planned service changes, workforce statistics, and transit safety (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to update its service policies and standards, its equitable transit-oriented development policy, and its

- service buy-up policy, to create specific communication protocols, and to implement parking and transportation demand management strategies and policies (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to periodically notify the Denver regional council of governments (DRCOG) and the department of local affairs of any known infrastructure gaps that exist within specific areas of a transit-oriented community within RTD's service territory (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to modernize and advertise its EcoPass and low-income fare discount programs (**section 4**);
- Adds 2 nonvoting ex officio members to the RTD board of directors (RTD board), to be appointed by the executive director of the department of transportation and by DRCOG (**sections 6 and 8**); and
- Prohibits write-in candidates for the RTD board (**section 7**).

The bill also requires other entities to analyze opportunities for the improvement of transit services by:

- Requiring the transportation commission to develop and publish best practices and technical assistance materials concerning the creation of regional transportation authorities to increase funding for transit and to provide additional transit services within the state (**section 5**); and
- Creating an RTD accountability committee within the Colorado energy office that consists of 13 appointed members. On or before January 30, 2026, the commission is required to provide recommendations to the transportation committees of the general assembly concerning the governance structure and compensation of the RTD board and executive leadership, the representation of local governments and state agencies within RTD, and RTD's workforce retention (**section 9**).

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-102, **add** (2) as
 3 follows:

4 **32-9-102. Legislative declaration.** (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 5 FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (a) TRANSPORTATION IS CRITICAL TO DAILY LIFE AND COMMERCE,
 7 YET OUR METHODS CONTRIBUTE TO SEVERAL CHALLENGES FACING THE

1 REGION, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTION, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,
2 AFFORDABILITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND EQUITY;

3 (b) EXPANDING MASS TRANSPORTATION PRESENTS A VITAL
4 OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS,
5 DECREASE POLLUTION, REDUCE CONGESTION, MINIMIZE FATALITIES AND
6 SERIOUS INJURIES WHILE IMPROVING ACCESS TO KEY DESTINATIONS,
7 PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSIT-RELIANT POPULATIONS, AND STIMULATE
8 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND

9 (c) THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SHALL
10 PRIORITIZE PROVIDING FAST, FREQUENT, RELIABLE, AND SAFE SERVICE TO
11 MAXIMIZE RIDERSHIP LEVELS.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119, **amend** (1)
13 introductory portion and (1)(y); and **add** (1)(z) as follows:

14 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (1) In addition to any
15 other powers granted to the district in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9, the district
16 has the following powers:

17 (y) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers
18 granted in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9; AND

19 (z) TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH A
20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS OR
21 HOUSING ENTITY, OR OTHER PERSON TO EXPAND SERVICES WITHIN THE
22 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY BY:

23 (I) SHARING RESOURCES AND THE MEANS OF PROVIDING
24 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES; OR

25 (II) COOPERATING ON THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR
26 IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **repeal**

1 (1); and **add** (10) , (11), and (12) as follows:

2 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - climate goals -**
3 **employee retention goals - reporting - plans.** (1) ~~The general assembly~~
4 ~~hereby finds and declares that surface transportation in the Denver~~
5 ~~metropolitan area is a major problem confronting not only the citizens of~~
6 ~~the metropolitan area but also the citizens of the entire state of Colorado.~~
7 ~~The general assembly further finds that, although mass transportation is~~
8 ~~one component of an effective surface transportation system, the~~
9 ~~allocation of resources to mass transportation must be made in light of all~~
10 ~~surface transportation needs. The general assembly further finds that the~~
11 ~~district should be organized efficiently, economically, and on a~~
12 ~~demand-responsive basis and that the district should consider least-cost~~
13 ~~alternatives in discharging its responsibilities.~~

14 (10) IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE DISTRICT SHALL
15 ALIGN WITH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SET FORTH IN
16 SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g); THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNOR'S
17 "TRANSPORTATION VISION 2035", WHICH INCLUDES AN EIGHTY-THREE
18 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRANSIT SERVICE BY 2035; AND THE MODE CHOICE
19 TARGETS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1-138, AS ADDED BY
20 SENATE BILL 25-030, ENACTED IN 2025. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP
21 PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS IN ALIGNING WITH
22 THESE STATE CLIMATE GOALS. IN ASSESSING CLIMATE IMPACT, THE
23 DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS SERVICES REDUCE
24 VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BY INCREASING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND
25 ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENSE, WALKABLE, AND LESS
26 CAR-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS AND CORRIDORS.

27 (11) THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS FOR EMPLOYEE

1 RETENTION. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO
2 EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ITS EMPLOYEE RETENTION GOALS.

3 (12) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
4 "GENERAL DIRECTIVE 24-1: REQUIRED ACTIONS REGARDING ASSAULTS
5 ON TRANSIT WORKERS", ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, BY THE
6 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
7 OF TRANSPORTATION.

8 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-165,
9 32-9-166, 32-9-167, 32-9-168, and 32-9-169 as follows:

10 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**
11 **operational analysis - reporting - funding study - transit-oriented**
12 **community infrastructure. (1) Ten-year strategic plan. (a) NO LATER**
13 **THAN APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A TEN-YEAR**
14 **STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLAN MUST:**

15 (I) IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, IDENTIFY
16 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE, RIDERSHIP,
17 ENROLLMENT IN THE DISTRICT'S ECOPASS PROGRAM AND INCOME-BASED
18 FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND
19 JOBS WITHIN ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE. THE
20 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS MUST ALIGN WITH STATE AND
21 REGIONAL GOALS FOR MODE CHOICE, LAND USE, CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND
22 SAFETY;

23 (II) IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES,
24 INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
25 SERVICES, REQUIRED TO MEET SERVICE AND RIDERSHIP GOALS IN THE
26 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD;

27 (III) INCLUDE A FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN OUTLINING THE

1 TRANSIT PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED
2 WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH MUST BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY IF
3 THE FUNDING PICTURE CHANGES SUBSTANTIALLY;

4 (IV) INCLUDE A FISCALLY UNCONSTRAINED OPTION THAT
5 DESCRIBES SERVICE AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S
6 IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE,
7 RIDERSHIP, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND JOBS WITHIN
8 ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE; AND

9 (V) IDENTIFY EXPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC
10 IMPACTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION
11 PLAN.

12 (b) FOR EACH SERVICE, FACILITY, OR CAPITAL PROJECT IDENTIFIED
13 IN THE TEN-YEAR PLAN, THE PLAN MUST SPECIFY AND REGULARLY UPDATE
14 AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE:

15 (I) THE TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO
16 BE COMPLETED;

17 (II) THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO
18 COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND

19 (III) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE TOTAL
20 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE
21 AMOUNT OF FUNDING FROM EACH FUNDING SOURCE THAT HAS BEEN
22 ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT OR IS ANTICIPATED TO BE ALLOCATED FOR
23 THE PROJECT.

24 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
25 EVERY FOUR YEARS.

26 (d) IN CREATING THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT
27 SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE

1 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LOCAL
2 GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

3 (e) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CREATION OF ITS TEN-YEAR
4 STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT SHALL STUDY AND IDENTIFY OR CONTRACT
5 WITH A THIRD PARTY TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO
6 INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S FUNDING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, MEASURES,
7 AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

8 (2) **Comprehensive operational analysis.** NO LATER THAN APRIL
9 10, 2026, AND NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS
10 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE
11 OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS. THE ANALYSIS MUST:

12 (a) ASSESS EXISTING SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS;

13 (b) EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND FUNDING
14 OPPORTUNITIES;

15 (c) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TRANSIT ROUTES OR SERVICES FOR
16 IMPLEMENTATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PROJECTS
17 LIST OF THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF
18 THIS SECTION; AND

19 (d) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACHIEVING THE GOALS
20 IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
21 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (3) **Reports.** (a) (I) DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE
23 DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT A REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE
24 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN
25 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL
26 ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
27 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION

1 43-2-145 (1)(a). AS PART OF THE REPORT, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE
2 GUIDANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW TO ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND
3 THE PLAN AND ANALYSIS, AND THE COMMITTEE MAY, IF IT DETERMINES
4 THAT THE PLAN OR ANALYSIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION
5 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION, INSTRUCT THE
6 DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT ANY MISSING INFORMATION IS PROMPTLY
7 ADDED.

8 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
9 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
10 SUBSECTION (3) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

11 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT QUARTERLY TO ITS BOARD OF
12 DIRECTORS ON ITS PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING THE
13 TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
14 SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED
15 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (4) **Transit-oriented community infrastructure.** THE DISTRICT
17 SHALL PERIODICALLY NOTIFY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
18 GOVERNMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS OF ANY KNOWN
19 INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS THAT EXIST WITHIN A TRANSIT CENTER, AS
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE
21 TERRITORY.

22 **32-9-166. Information dashboards.** (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL
23 CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE:

24 (a) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS:

25 (I) BY TRANSIT ROUTE:

26 (A) DATA ON RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING TOTAL RIDERSHIP AND
27 WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP;

1 (B) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF
2 WHAT CONSTITUTES ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;

3 (C) FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO;

4 (D) BOARDINGS PER HOUR; AND

5 (E) RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND

6 (II) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING PERFORMANCE TARGETS
7 RELATING TO RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SERVICE PROVISION;

8 (b) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THE
9 DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,
10 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES;

11 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD ON TRANSIT SAFETY,
12 INCLUDING DATA ON PASSENGER SAFETY AND DRIVER SAFETY;

13 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT
14 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION
15 REGARDING EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S IN-PROGRESS CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT
16 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; THE FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT,
17 INCLUDING THE PROJECT'S TOTAL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE;
18 AND THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF EACH
19 PROJECT;

20 (e) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT
21 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES; THE REASONS FOR ANY PLANNED
22 CHANGES; AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED CHANGES, INCLUDING
23 EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS; AND

24 (f) THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE
25 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TEN-YEAR
26 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-5-165 (1). THE DISTRICT
27 SHALL UPDATE THIS PROGRESS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

1 (2) THE DISTRICT SHALL FIRST CREATE AND PUBLISH THE
2 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
3 THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025.

4 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARDS
5 AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

6 **32-9-167. Required policy updates - service policies and**
7 **standards - equitable transit-oriented development policy - service**
8 **buy-up policy - communication protocols - parking policies and**
9 **strategies.** (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EVERY TWO
10 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE ITS SERVICE POLICIES
11 AND STANDARDS TO:

12 (a) DEFINE AND MAP TRANSIT PROPENSITY BASED ON POPULATION
13 DENSITY, INCOME, DIVERSITY, MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP, AND OTHER
14 CHARACTERISTICS THAT INFLUENCE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP;

15 (b) ESTABLISH A CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR SERVICE
16 CHANGES, UNDER WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDE PUBLICLY
17 ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION OUTLINING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES
18 AND HOW THEY ALIGN WITH IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND
19 THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

20 (c) WORK WITH ENTITIES HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS TO FACILITATE
21 INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG AS THE
22 FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING SERVICE;
23 AND

24 (d) EVALUATE AND SET CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR
25 THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EXISTING ROUTES, INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR
26 SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS ON THOSE ROUTES IF THEY DO NOT MEET THE
27 IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.

1 (2) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE
2 ITS EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO:

3 (a) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED POLICIES AND
4 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY GOALS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
5 TITLE 29;

6 (b) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARKING
7 REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF TITLE 29; AND

8 (c) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
9 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USED COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS
10 AND ROUTES.

11 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL
12 UPDATE ITS SERVICE BUY-UP POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH
13 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO OUTLINE A PROCESS
14 FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS TO PROPOSE TO
15 PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM THE DISTRICT.

16 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL EVALUATE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICE
17 PROPOSALS AND, WHERE FEASIBLE, CREATE PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE
18 PROPOSALS.

19 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL
20 CREATE AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, A POLICY OUTLINING
21 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR:

22 (a) PLANNED AND UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS;

23 (b) SERVICE SUBSTITUTIONS; AND

24 (c) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND
25 SUBSTITUTIONS.

26 (5) THE DISTRICT SHALL WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN
27 ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO IMPLEMENT PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

1 DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE
2 OF NEW AND EXISTING PARKING SUPPLY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BEST
3 PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS DEVELOPED
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-35-305.

5 **32-9-168. EcoPass program - bulk purchasers - apartment**
6 **building survey - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
7 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (a) "BULK PURCHASER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS A LEGAL
9 RELATIONSHIP WITH AND THAT PROVIDES GOODS OR SERVICES TO A GROUP
10 OF EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS. "BULK PURCHASER" INCLUDES,
11 WITHOUT LIMITATION, AN EMPLOYER, A BUILDING OWNER OR MANAGER,
12 A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, A BUSINESS
13 OR TRADE ASSOCIATION, A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, A NEIGHBORHOOD
14 ASSOCIATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ANY COMBINATION OF
15 SUCH ENTITIES.

16 (b) "COVERED DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS IN
17 AN AREA COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
18 TITLE 29 AND THAT HAS RECEIVED LAND USE APPROVAL AFTER JUNE 30,
19 2025, FOR A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ADAPTIVE RE-USE
20 FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; OR ADAPTIVE RE-USE MIXED-USE PURPOSES
21 THAT INCLUDE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF USE FOR RESIDENTIAL
22 PURPOSES.

23 (c) "ECO PASS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE
24 DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL PREPAID TRANSIT PASSES FOR
25 UNLIMITED USAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S TRANSIT SERVICES. "ECO PASS
26 PROGRAM" INCLUDES THE ECO PASS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECO PASS
27 PROGRAMS, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS.

1 (2) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADMINISTER AN OUTREACH PROGRAM
2 TO PROMOTE THE EcoPASS PROGRAM TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN
3 CONDUCTING OUTREACH, THE DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING
4 INFORMATION TO THE BULK PURCHASER:

5 (I) SUCCINCT INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND PLANNED TRANSIT
6 SERVICE WITHIN THE AREA RELEVANT TO THE BULK PURCHASER,
7 INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROXIMITY, FREQUENCY, AND
8 POPULARITY OF APPLICABLE TRANSIT ROUTES; AND

9 (II) THE ESTIMATED PER-USER COST EXPRESSED IN PER-YEAR AND
10 PER-MONTH TERMS. IF THE BULK PURCHASER IS AN EMPLOYER, THE
11 PER-USER COST MUST INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATIVE
12 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TAX CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SECTION
13 39-22-509.

14 (b) THE OUTREACH PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE PERIODIC PROACTIVE
15 OUTREACH TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN CONDUCTING PROACTIVE OUTREACH,
16 THE DISTRICT SHALL PRIORITIZE BULK PURCHASERS IN AND NEAR TRANSIT
17 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), NEIGHBORHOOD
18 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (5), AND APPLICABLE TRANSIT
19 SERVICE AREAS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-302 (3).

20 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT THE OUTREACH PROGRAM IN
21 COORDINATION WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
22 AND WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS THAT PARTNER
23 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S "WAY TO GO"
24 PROGRAM.

25 (3) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
26 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND
27 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, INCLUDING THE BULK

1 PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS.

2 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
3 ENROLL ALL RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES AT ONE TIME,
4 RATHER THAN ENROLLING A BULK PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS,
5 OR MEMBERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

6 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
7 ALLOW A GROUP OF RELATED BULK PURCHASERS THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE
8 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS
9 OF EACH RELATED BULK PURCHASER TO APPLY WITH ONE APPLICATION FOR
10 ENROLLMENT IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM.

11 (4) (a) NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE
12 FIRST RESIDENT MOVES INTO A COVERED DEVELOPMENT, THE COVERED
13 DEVELOPMENT SHALL SURVEY ITS RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS'
14 INTEREST IN HAVING THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE
15 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS. THE SURVEY MUST
16 INCLUDE THE PER-USER COST OF THE BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, AS
17 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

18 (b) IF A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS RESPOND TO THE SURVEY THAT
19 THEY WOULD LIKE THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE
20 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL
21 ENROLL IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE OWNER OR
22 MANAGER OF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS THE CENTRALIZED PAYER OF
23 THE COSTS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EcoPASS PROGRAM, WHICH
24 IT MAY RECOUP FROM ITS RESIDENTS.

25 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE
26 AND PUBLISH AN ONLINE SURVEY TOOL THAT COVERED DEVELOPMENTS
27 MAY USE TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4).

1 (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE
2 EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE
3 ECOPASS PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
5 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
6 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE
7 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

8 (I) THE DISTRICT'S OUTREACH EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
9 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING QUANTITATIVE DETAILS ON
10 THE DISTRICT'S PROACTIVE OUTREACH;

11 (II) THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
12 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

13 (III) THE SURVEY REQUIRED FOR COVERED DEVELOPMENTS, AS
14 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE NUMBER
15 AND RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS CONDUCTED.

16 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
17 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
18 SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

19 **32-9-169. Income-based fare discount program - enrollment**
20 **targets - reports - legislative declaration. (1) Legislative declaration.**

21 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

22 (a) INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFTEN
23 FACE BARRIERS TO ENROLLING IN BENEFITS FOR WHICH THEY ARE
24 ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD AND STIGMA; AND

25 (b) TO REDUCE THESE BARRIERS, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
26 DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ITS
27 INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

1 **(2) Enrollment and eligibility certification.** (a) ON OR BEFORE
2 JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S
3 MOBILE APPLICATION A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT TO APPLY AND
4 QUALIFY FOR THE DISTRICT'S INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.
5 THE DISTRICT SHALL ELIMINATE ALL OTHER APPLICATION METHODS FOR
6 THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

7 (b) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL ENROLL
8 IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM ALL APPLICANTS WHO
9 SELF-CERTIFY THEIR ELIGIBILITY VIA A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT
10 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (c) AT THE EXPIRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S THREE MONTHS OF
12 INITIAL ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM,
13 THE DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF
14 ELIGIBILITY BEYOND THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT. THE DISTRICT
15 SHALL ACCEPT MULTIPLE FORMS OF PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING
16 PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
17 PROGRAM THAT THE DISTRICT DETERMINES QUALIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL
18 FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

19 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL WIDELY PUBLICIZE THE CHANGE IN
20 APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT
21 PROGRAM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT
22 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (4) **Enrollment targets.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
24 DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED
25 FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

26 (5) **Reports.** (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR
27 BEFORE EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON

1 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE
2 DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
5 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE
6 REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO
7 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES
8 INDEFINITELY.

9 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT TO THE BOARD ON
10 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN AND MEET ITS ESTABLISHED
11 ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT
12 PROGRAM.

13 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-106, **amend**
14 (15) introductory portion; and **add** (15)(f) as follows:

15 **43-1-106. Transportation commission - efficiency and**
16 **accountability committee - powers and duties - report - rules -**
17 **definitions.** (15) In addition to any other duties required by law, the
18 commission ~~shall have~~ HAS the following charges:

19 (f) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2026, TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH
20 BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS CONCERNING
21 THE CREATION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES PURSUANT
22 TO THE "REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAW", PART 6 OF
23 ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 43, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND TO
24 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE.

25 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, **amend**
26 (1) and (4); and **add** (3.5) and (5) as follows:

27 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers -**

1 **legislative declaration - repeal.** (1) Effective January 1, 1983, the
2 governing body of the district ~~shall be~~ IS a board of directors consisting
3 of fifteen ~~persons~~ VOTING MEMBERS, each of whom is an eligible elector
4 residing within the director district, AND TWO NONVOTING EX OFFICIO
5 MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3.5) OF THIS SECTION
6 WHO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT LARGE.

7 (3.5) (a) THE TWO NONVOTING EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS OF THE
8 BOARD ARE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 TRANSPORTATION OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE AND AN
10 INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
11 GOVERNMENTS. THE NONVOTING EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MUST HAVE
12 EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

13 (b) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 TRANSPORTATION, IF APPOINTING A DESIGNEE, AND THE DENVER
15 REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL DESIGNATE THEIR INITIAL
16 APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN AUGUST 29, 2025. THE TERM
17 OF THE INITIAL APPOINTEES ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2028.

18 (II) AFTER THE INITIAL TERM OF THE INITIAL APPOINTEES, THE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IF
20 APPOINTING A DESIGNEE, AND THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
21 GOVERNMENTS SHALL DESIGNATE THEIR APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD ON OR
22 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2029, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER.

23 (c) THE NONVOTING EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS SERVE ON THE BOARD
24 AS FOLLOWS:

25 (I) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MAY SIT WITH THE BOARD AND
26 PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OF AGENDA ITEMS BUT SHALL NOT VOTE ON
27 ANY MATTER COMING BEFORE THE BOARD OR MAKE ANY MOTION

1 REGARDING ANY MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD;

2 (II) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MAY BE COMPENSATED PURSUANT
3 TO SECTION 32-9-117;

4 (III) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MUST BE PROVIDED THE SAME
5 BOARD MATERIALS AS ARE PROVIDED TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
6 INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE DEEMED CONFIDENTIAL;

7 (IV) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS MAY PARTICIPATE IN OR ATTEND
8 EXECUTIVE OR CLOSED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD SUBJECT TO ALL BOARD
9 RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
10 THOSE RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND CONFIDENTIALITY;

11 (V) AN EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR SHALL NOT BE ELECTED AS AN
12 OFFICER OF THE BOARD; AND

13 (VI) THE EX OFFICIO DIRECTORS SHALL OBSERVE ALL RULES,
14 REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND
15 ANY OTHER CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED
16 OR DIRECTED BY A VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING DIRECTORS OF THE
17 BOARD.

18 (4) All powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in
19 the district shall be exercised and performed by the board; except that the
20 exercise of any executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may be
21 delegated by the board to officers and employees of the district. THESE
22 POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDE, IN
23 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE
24 9:

25 (a) SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
26 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT;

27 (b) HIRING AND MANAGING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER

1 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER;

2 (c) OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL COUNSEL;

3 (d) DEVELOPING, ADOPTING, AND OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S

4 BUDGET, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET WITH PROJECT COSTS

5 AND FINANCING MECHANISMS;

6 (e) DEVELOPING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR

7 STRATEGIC PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

8 (f) ENGAGING WITH CONSTITUENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE

9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF

10 GOVERNMENTS, TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO

11 OBTAIN INPUT AND FEEDBACK ON THE DISTRICT'S DECISIONS AND

12 OPERATIONS;

13 (g) PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND

14 MAKE TRANSIT SERVICES COMPETITIVE WITH DRIVING; AND

15 (h) DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING STRATEGIES AND LEGISLATION

16 TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT HAS THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO

17 IMPLEMENT ITS STRATEGIC TEN-YEAR PLAN.

18 (5) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT

19 INCREASED COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT AMONG THE DISTRICT, THE

20 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF

21 TRANSPORTATION IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE DISTRICT

22 AND THE STATE, AND THAT TWO EX OFFICIO MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE

23 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF

24 TRANSPORTATION SHOULD THEREFORE BE ADDED TO THE BOARD.

25 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **add** (5)(g)

27 as follows:

1 **32-9-111. Election of directors - dates - terms.** (5) (g) (I) A
2 CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED DIRECTOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS A
3 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

4 (II) (A) IF, FOR ANY DISTRICT ELECTION, THERE IS NOT A
5 CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR WHO IS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION PURSUANT
6 TO THIS SECTION, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED IN LIEU OF THE DIRECTOR
7 BEING ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. IN SUCH
8 CASE, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
9 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT IS
10 LOCATED OR, IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT IN THE CITY AND
11 COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE
12 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
13 IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT CONTAINS TERRITORY IN TWO
14 OR MORE COUNTIES, OR IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AND IN ONE
15 OR MORE COUNTIES, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
16 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
17 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT RESIDE; EXCEPT THAT, IF
18 THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT
19 RESIDE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED
20 BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL
21 OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

22 (B) A DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
23 (5)(g)(II) SERVES UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION, AT
24 WHICH THE DIRECTOR POSITION IS FILLED BY ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS
25 SECTION.

26 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-112, **amend**
27 (1.5); and **add** (4) as follows:

1 **32-9-112. Vacancies - appointments - recall.** (1.5) Any director
2 appointed PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION shall serve until
3 the next regular election, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by
4 election for any remaining unexpired portion of the term.

5 (4) UPON A VACANCY OCCURRING FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN
6 NORMAL EXPIRATION OF A TERM, THE VACANCY OF AN EX OFFICIO
7 DIRECTOR IS FILLED BY APPOINTMENT OF THE APPLICABLE APPOINTING
8 AUTHORITY NOT LATER THAN SIXTY BUSINESS DAYS FROM THE DATE THE
9 VACANCY IS DEEMED TO EXIST. AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A
10 VACANCY OF AN APPOINTED EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR SERVES UNTIL THE
11 TERM OF THE NEXT INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO THAT DIRECTOR POSITION
12 BEGINS.

13 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-38.5-123 as
14 follows:

15 **24-38.5-123. Regional transportation district accountability**
16 **committee - creation - membership - report - definitions - repeal.**

17 (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
18 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

19 (a) "COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE" OR "OFFICE" MEANS THE
20 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101.

21 (b) "DISTRICT" MEANS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
22 CREATED IN ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE 32.

23 (c) "RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEE" MEANS
24 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
25 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

26 (2) **Membership.** (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO
27 ENERGY OFFICE THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

1 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO
2 EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT AS
3 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (b) (I) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF ELEVEN VOTING MEMBERS
5 AND TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

6 (A) FIVE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
7 INCLUDING THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE;

8 (B) TWO VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
9 SENATE;

10 (C) ONE VOTING MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER
11 OF THE SENATE;

12 (D) TWO VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
13 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

14 (E) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
15 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

16 (F) TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF
17 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AND WHO ARE APPOINTED BY
18 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

19 (II) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE, THE APPOINTING
20 AUTHORITIES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE HAS
21 EXPERTISE IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

22 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA;

23 (B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

24 (C) HUMAN RESOURCES;

25 (D) MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION;

26 (E) TRANSPORTATION EQUITY;

27 (F) ISSUES IMPACTING TRANSIT RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES;

1 (G) FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;

2 (H) URBAN PLANNING;

3 (I) WORKFORCE; AND

4 (J) SAFETY.

5 (c) (I) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE
6 APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
7 THAN AUGUST 1, 2025.

8 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE
9 OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE
10 DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE.

11 (III) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COMMITTEE FOR ANY REASON,
12 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO
13 FILL THE VACANCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.
14 IN MAKING THE VACANCY APPOINTMENT, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY
15 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS THE EXPERTISE
16 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT
18 COMPENSATION.

19 (e) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN
20 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

21 (f) THE OFFICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN
22 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES.

23 (3) **Evaluation and recommendations.** (a) THE PURPOSE OF THE
24 COMMITTEE IS TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

25 (I) THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
26 AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

27 (II) COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND

1 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

2 (III) THE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE
3 AGENCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

4 (IV) THE DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE RETENTION.

5 (b) THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO BUILD ON THE WORK
6 OF THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CREATED IN 2020.
7 THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BEGIN ITS EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THIS
8 SUBSECTION (3) WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF EACH
9 RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY
10 COMMITTEE'S JULY 2021 FINAL REPORT.

11 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2026, THE COMMITTEE SHALL
12 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, AND
14 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
15 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES A SUMMARY OF THE WORK
16 ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE FINDINGS
17 OF ITS EVALUATION, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY CONCERNING MATTERS EVALUATED BY THE COMMITTEE.

19 (4) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

20 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
23 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
24 institutions.