

HB25-1039: Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements



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Summary

This bill requires all commercial vehicles in Colorado to have a muffler that is present, intact, and functioning properly.

What this bill does:

- Updates requirements so that **all commercial vehicles are required to have a muffler** (not just those equipped with an engine brake)
- **Enforces existing muffler requirements** by ensuring that mufflers can be visually inspected or that proper documentation of the muffler is available at inspection
- **Provides opportunity for decreased fines** if owner or operator provides proof of muffler installation prior to citation or within 30 days of the citation
- **Increases penalties for violations** from \$500 to \$1,000

Why you should vote YES:



Noise Reduction

Mufflers are necessary to effectively **reduce excessive noise from engine braking** on roadways and for residents living near roadways



Effective Enforcement

Provides an additional inspection option and a cure period. Raises fines and blocks ability to register the vehicle if operator is non-compliant.

Policy Development Stakeholders

Colorado Motor Carriers Association
Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado State Patrol
I-70 Coalition
City of Golden

Supporting

Colorado Municipal League
Colorado Assn of Chiefs of Police

Supporting

Towns of Parker, Firestone, Castle Rock, Centennial, Fort Collins
National Utility Contractors Association

Monitoring

Colorado Rural Electric Association
Hispanic Contractors of Colorado
Toyota Motors North America
Waste Management
King Soopers