



HB24-1143

Increasing CDOT Maintenance Project Cap

Sponsors: Rep. Catlin/Sens. B. Pelton & Winter

Currently in our state, CDOT maintenance crews can undertake repairs on state highways as long as those repairs do not exceed \$250,000 in cost. If the costs are higher than that, CDOT is required to go out to bid on those projects.

The problem is that projects of this relatively small size are generally **not** bid on by contractors and so the necessary maintenance is delayed by several months while CDOT goes through this statutorily-required bid process. If the projects are not bid on, CDOT is allowed to then proceed with the necessary repairs. In the meantime, the traveling public, freight haulers and agricultural producers must continue traveling on these damaged roads, resulting in unnecessary wear and tear on vehicles.

This problem is especially acute in the rural areas of the state – where the travel distance required, combined with the small return on the investment due to the size of the project, makes contractors even less likely to bid these projects.

HB 1143 will increase the current statutory maintenance cap by adding an annual inflationary adjustment so the cap keeps pace with increases in construction costs over time.

Please Help Expedite Highway Repairs in Rural Colorado

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