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**HOUSE BILL 25-1198**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**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.

- 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.

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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 NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR DURING WHICH  
8 THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION HAS  
9 OCCURRED, DURING WHICH MEETING THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A  
10 CHAIR FROM AMONG THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERS TO SERVE A TERM NOT  
11 TO EXCEED THREE YEARS, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, AND  
12 SHALL DISCUSS THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTION AND PURPOSE; AND

13 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AS NECESSARY WHEN A LOCAL  
14 GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMISSION IN  
15 ADDRESSING A REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY OR CHALLENGE.

16 (6) THE COMMISSION MAY:

17 (a) CONSIDER ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
18 INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR PLANNING, WHICH FRAMEWORK SHALL  
19 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, AT A MINIMUM:

20 (I) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS;

21 (II) DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS;

22 (III) HOUSING AND HOUSING NEEDS;

23 (IV) TRANSPORTATION;

24 (V) SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE;

25 (VI) ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT; AND

26 (VII) HEALTHY COMMUNITIES; AND

27 (b) HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH

1 RELEVANT PERSONS.

2 (7) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE  
3 DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT  
4 TO THE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
5 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE LOCAL  
6 GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY  
7 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF  
8 ANY ASSISTANCE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED TO LOCAL  
9 GOVERNMENTS.

10 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
11 REQUIRES, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE REGIONAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE  
12 COMMISSION.

13 (9) (a) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
14 GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES TO  
15 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT IMPLEMENT THIS  
16 SECTION UNTIL IT RECEIVES AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
17 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

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

22 (10) SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (9) OF THIS SECTION WILL TAKE EFFECT  
23 IF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
24 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE  
25 DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE  
26 DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (11) HAS  
27 OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO



1 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV. SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (9) OF THIS  
2 SECTION TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE THAT  
3 THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
4 DONATIONS THAT IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION OR,  
5 IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE  
6 NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

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

18 (2) Section 1 of this act and sections 24-32-3709.5 (1), (2), (3),  
19 (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in  
20 section 2 of this act, shall only take effect upon receipt of the notice to the  
21 Revisor of Statutes required by section 24-32-3709.5 (11), Colorado  
22 Revised Statutes, as enacted in section 2 of this act.