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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 **REQUIRING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO**
109 **EMPHASIZE RIDERSHIP GROWTH, WORKER RETENTION, SAFETY,**
110 **AND STATEWIDE CLIMATE GOALS; AND MAKING AN**
111 **APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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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
8 REGION, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTION, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,

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

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

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

13 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (1) In addition to any
14 other powers granted to the district in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9, the district
15 has the following powers:

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

18 (z) TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH A
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS OR
20 HOUSING ENTITY, OR SPECIAL DISTRICT TO EXPAND SERVICES WITHIN THE
21 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY, OR BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
22 DISTRICT AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, 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 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT'S GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA.

1 (11) THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS FOR EMPLOYEE
2 RETENTION. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO
3 EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ITS EMPLOYEE RETENTION GOALS.

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

9 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-165,
10 32-9-166, 32-9-167, and 32-9-168 as follows:

11 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**
12 **operational analysis - reporting - funding study - transit-oriented**
13 **community infrastructure. (1) Ten-year strategic plan. (a) NO LATER**
14 **THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A TEN-YEAR**
15 **STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLAN MUST:**

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

24 (II) IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES,
25 INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
26 SERVICES, REQUIRED TO MEET SERVICE AND RIDERSHIP GOALS
27 THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT'S GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA OVER THE

1 TEN-YEAR PERIOD;

2 (III) INCLUDE A FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN OUTLINING THE
3 TRANSIT PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED
4 WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH MUST BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY IF
5 THE FUNDING PICTURE CHANGES SUBSTANTIALY;

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

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

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

17 (I) THE TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO
18 BE COMPLETED;

19 (II) THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO
20 COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND

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

26 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
27 IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH MAJOR UPDATE TO THE DENVER REGIONAL

1 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

2 (d) IN CREATING THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT
3 SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE
4 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LOCAL
5 GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

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

11 (2) **Comprehensive operational analysis.** NO LATER THAN APRIL
12 10, 2026, AND NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS
13 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE
14 OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS. THE ANALYSIS MUST:

15 (a) ASSESS EXISTING SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS;

16 (b) EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND FUNDING
17 OPPORTUNITIES;

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

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

25 (3) **Reports.** (a) (I) DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE
26 DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT A REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE
27 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN

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

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

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

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

25 **32-9-166. Information dashboards.** (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL
26 CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE:

27 (a) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS:

- 1 (I) BY TRANSIT ROUTE:
- 2 (A) DATA ON RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING TOTAL RIDERSHIP AND
- 3 WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP;
- 4 (B) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF
- 5 WHAT CONSTITUTES ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;
- 6 (C) FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO;
- 7 (D) BOARDINGS PER HOUR; AND
- 8 (E) RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND
- 9 (II) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING PERFORMANCE TARGETS
- 10 RELATING TO RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SERVICE PROVISION;
- 11 (b) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THE
- 12 DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,
- 13 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES;
- 14 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD ON TRANSIT SAFETY,
- 15 INCLUDING DATA ON PASSENGER SAFETY AND DRIVER SAFETY;
- 16 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT
- 17 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION
- 18 REGARDING EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S IN-PROGRESS CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT
- 19 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; THE FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT,
- 20 INCLUDING THE PROJECT'S TOTAL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE;
- 21 AND THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF EACH
- 22 PROJECT;
- 23 (e) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT
- 24 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES; THE REASONS FOR ANY PLANNED
- 25 CHANGES; AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED CHANGES, INCLUDING
- 26 EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS; AND
- 27 (f) THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE

1 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TEN-YEAR
2 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-5-165 (1). THE DISTRICT
3 SHALL UPDATE THIS PROGRESS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

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

7 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARDS
8 AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

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

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

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

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

27 (d) EVALUATE AND SET CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR

1 THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EXISTING ROUTES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING
2 PROVIDING FOR SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS ON THOSE ROUTES IF THEY DO NOT
3 MEET THE IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.

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

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

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

11 (c) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
12 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USED COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS
13 AND ROUTES.

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

19 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL EVALUATE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICE
20 PROPOSALS AND, WHERE FEASIBLE, CREATE PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE
21 PROPOSALS.

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

25 (a) PLANNED AND UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS;

26 (b) SERVICE SUBSTITUTIONS; AND

27 (c) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND

1 SUBSTITUTIONS.

2 (5) THE DISTRICT SHALL WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN
3 ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO IMPLEMENT PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION
4 DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE
5 OF NEW AND EXISTING PARKING SUPPLY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BEST
6 PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS DEVELOPED
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-35-305.

8 **32-9-168. EcoPass program - bulk purchasers - apartment**
9 **building survey - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
10 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

19 (b) "COVERED DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT
20 CONTAINS OR IS INTENDED TO CONTAIN FIFTY UNITS OR MORE, THAT IS IN
21 AN AREA COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
22 TITLE 29, AND THAT HAS RECEIVED LAND USE APPROVAL == == FOR A
23 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ADAPTIVE RE-USE FOR
24 RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; OR ADAPTIVE RE-USE MIXED-USE PURPOSES THAT
25 INCLUDE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF USE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

26 (c) "ECO PASS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE
27 DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL PREPAID TRANSIT PASSES FOR

1 UNLIMITED USAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S TRANSIT SERVICES. "EcoPASS
2 PROGRAM" INCLUDES THE EcoPASS AND NEIGHBORHOOD EcoPASS
3 PROGRAMS, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS.

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

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

12 (II) THE ESTIMATED PER-USER COST EXPRESSED IN PER-YEAR AND
13 PER-MONTH TERMS. IF THE BULK PURCHASER IS AN EMPLOYER, THE
14 PER-USER COST MUST INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATIVE
15 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TAX CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 39-22-509.

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

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

1 (d) THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE
2 PRICING INFORMATION FOR THE EcoPASS PROGRAM ON ITS PUBLIC-FACING
3 WEBSITE, WHICH MUST INCLUDE ANY GEOGRAPHIC PRICE
4 DIFFERENTIATION.

5 (3) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
6 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND
7 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, INCLUDING THE BULK
8 PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS.

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

13 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
14 ALLOW A GROUP OF RELATED BULK PURCHASERS THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE
15 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS
16 OF EACH RELATED BULK PURCHASER TO APPLY WITH ONE APPLICATION FOR
17 ENROLLMENT IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM

18 (d) THE DISTRICT SHALL COMPENSATE A BULK PURCHASER OF A
19 NEIGHBORHOOD EcoPASS TO DEFRAY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AT A
20 REASONABLE AMOUNT AND THROUGH A METHOD DETERMINED BY THE
21 DISTRICT.

22 (e) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
23 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND
24 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, AS WELL AS TAKE STEPS
25 TO IMPROVE UTILIZATION BY EcoPASS HOLDERS, BY INCLUDING
26 GUARANTEED RIDE HOME SERVICES ALONG WITH EACH BULK EcoPASS.

27 (4) (a) NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2026, OR ONE YEAR AFTER THE

1 DATE THAT THE FIRST RESIDENT MOVES INTO A COVERED DEVELOPMENT,
2 WHICHEVER IS LATER, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL SURVEY ITS
3 RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN HAVING THE COVERED
4 DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS.
5 THE SURVEY MUST INCLUDE THE PER-USER COST OF THE BULK-PURCHASED
6 EcoPASSES, AS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

7 (b) IF A MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS RESPOND TO THE SURVEY
8 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE
9 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL
10 ENROLL IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE OWNER OR
11 MANAGER OF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS THE CENTRALIZED PAYER OF
12 THE COSTS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EcoPASS PROGRAM, WHICH
13 IT MAY RECOUP FROM ITS RESIDENTS.

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

17 (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE
18 EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE
19 EcoPASS PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
21 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
22 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE
23 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

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

27 (II) THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN

1 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

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

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

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

11 **43-1-106. Transportation commission - efficiency and**
12 **accountability committee - powers and duties - report - rules -**
13 **definitions.** (15) In addition to any other duties required by law, the
14 commission ~~shall have~~ HAS the following charges:

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

21 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, **amend**
22 (4) as follows: _____

23 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers.** (4) All
24 powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in the district shall
25 be exercised and performed by the board; except that the exercise of any
26 executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may be delegated by the
27 board to officers and employees of the district. THESE POWERS, DUTIES,

1 FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO ANY
2 OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 9:

3 (a) SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
4 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT;

5 (b) HIRING AND MANAGING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER
6 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER;

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

8 (d) DEVELOPING, ADOPTING, AND OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S
9 BUDGET, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET WITH PROJECT COSTS
10 AND FINANCING MECHANISMS;

11 (e) DEVELOPING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR
12 STRATEGIC PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

13 (f) ENGAGING WITH CONSTITUENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
15 GOVERNMENTS, TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
16 OBTAIN INPUT AND FEEDBACK ON THE DISTRICT'S DECISIONS AND
17 OPERATIONS;

18 (g) PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND
19 MAKE TRANSIT SERVICES COMPETITIVE WITH DRIVING; ==

20 (h) DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING STRATEGIES AND LEGISLATION
21 TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT HAS THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO
22 IMPLEMENT ITS STRATEGIC TEN-YEAR PLAN;

23 (i) MEETING QUARTERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 TRANSPORTATION AND WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
25 GOVERNMENTS AND MEETING BIANNUALLY WITH ANY LABOR
26 ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN 24-34-401 (6), THAT REPRESENTS SOME OR
27 ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES;

1 (j) PERFORMING AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S CHIEF
2 FINANCIAL OFFICER, IN THE DISTRICT'S DISCRETION; AND

3 (k) CONDUCTING AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE DISTRICT.

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5 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **add** (5)(g)
6 as follows:

7 **32-9-111. Election of directors - dates - terms.** (5) (g) (I) A
8 CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED DIRECTOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS A
9 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

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

27 (B) A DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION

1 (5)(g)(II) SERVES UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION, AT
2 WHICH THE DIRECTOR POSITION IS FILLED BY ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS
3 SECTION.

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5 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-38.5-123 as
6 follows:

7 **24-38.5-123. Regional transportation district accountability**
8 **committee - creation - membership - report - definitions - repeal.**

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

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

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

15 (c) "RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEE" MEANS
16 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
17 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (2) **Membership.** (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO
19 ENERGY OFFICE THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
20 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO
21 EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT AS
22 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

23 (b) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FOURTEEN VOTING MEMBERS
24 AND ONE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

25 (I) SIX VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
26 INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
27 DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF

1 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, AND FOUR MEMBERS WHO
2 COLLECTIVELY HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
3 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA;
4 (B) FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;
5 (C) MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION; AND
6 (D) ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION;
7 (II) THREE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
8 THE SENATE, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF
9 AGE OR YOUNGER AND WHO USES DISTRICT SERVICES, AND TWO MEMBERS
10 WHO COLLECTIVELY HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
11 (A) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND
12 (B) TRANSPORTATION EQUITY;
13 (III) ONE VOTING MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN ECONOMIC
14 DEVELOPMENT, APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE;
15 (IV) THREE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING:
17 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS TRANSIT RIDERS WITH
18 DISABILITIES;
19 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE LABOR ORGANIZATION
20 THAT REPRESENTS A PLURALITY OF TRANSIT WORKERS OF THE DISTRICT;
21 AND
22 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN URBAN PLANNING;
23 (V) ONE VOTING MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN SAFETY FOR THE
24 PUBLIC AND TRANSIT WORKERS, APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF
25 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND
26 (VI) ONE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT
27 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, APPOINTED BY

1 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

2 (c) THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE
3 AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

16 (e) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT
17 COMPENSATION.

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

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

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

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

26 (II) COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
27 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

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

3 (IV) THE DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE RETENTION.

4 (b) THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO BUILD ON THE WORK
5 OF THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CREATED IN 2020.
6 THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BEGIN ITS EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THIS
7 SUBSECTION (3) WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF EACH
8 RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY
9 COMMITTEE'S JULY 2021 FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF
10 EXISTING DISTRICT SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS AND IDENTIFICATION
11 OF OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
12 SERVICE COUNCILS.

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

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

22 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-1204, **amend**
23 **(3)(c)(I), (3)(d) introductory portion, (3)(d)(II)(A), (3)(d)(II)(B), and**
24 **(3)(d)(II)(C); and add (3)(e) as follows:**

25 **43-4-1204. Production fee for clean transit imposed by the**
26 **enterprise - local transit operations program - local transit grant**
27 **program - rail funding program - cash funds - report.** (3)(c) Pursuant

1 to the purposes of the local transit operations program, the enterprise shall
2 allocate money from the local transit operations cash fund to eligible
3 entities using a formula developed by the board, which shall be based on
4 population, population density, local zoning, transit ridership, vehicle
5 revenue miles, share of disproportionately impacted community
6 population, and other transit-related criteria. An eligible entity that is
7 awarded money from the local transit operations cash fund shall:

8 (I) Prior to receiving any money, submit the eligible entity's most
9 recent service improvement plan or system optimization plan
10 COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS to the board and describe how
11 the money would be used to expand transit service, increase transit
12 frequency, improve system-wide transit connectivity, and meet the other
13 purposes described in subsection (3)(b) of this section;

14 (d) An eligible entity, EXCEPT FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,
15 awarded money pursuant to subsection (3)(c) of this section that provides
16 service to areas with a population of one million individuals or more
17 shall:

18 (II) Create, maintain, and regularly update the following on the
19 eligible entity's website:

20 (A) An annual update regarding the eligible entity's financial plan
21 that includes a detailed report of all the eligible entity's capital projects
22 that are in progress AND THAT EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS;

23 (B) A quarterly update regarding all of the eligible entity's capital
24 projects that are in progress AND THAT EXCEED TEN MILLION DOLLARS,
25 including a project schedule and project expenditure information for each
26 project;

27 (C) A public accountability dashboard that provides, at a

1 minimum, accessible and transparent summary information regarding
2 each of the eligible entity's capital projects that is in progress AND THAT
3 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; the funding status of each project,
4 including the project's total funding and expenditures to date; and the
5 eligible entity's progress toward the completion of each project;

6 (e) FOR MONEY AWARDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF
7 THIS SECTION THAT IS AWARDED NO LATER THAN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR
8 BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025, AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY MAY BE EXEMPT FROM
9 THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (3)(c)(I) AND (3)(d) OF
10 THIS SECTION, IN THE ENTERPRISE'S DISCRETION, IF THE ELIGIBLE ENTITY
11 SUBMITS TO THE ENTERPRISE BY JULY 1, 2025, A PLAN OUTLINING HOW IT
12 WILL MEET THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

13 **SECTION 10. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
14 \$146,720 is appropriated to the office of the governor for use by the
15 Colorado energy office. This appropriation is from the general fund and
16 is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 0.1
17 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for
18 program administration.

19 **SECTION 11. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
23 institutions.