

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 29, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-281 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Strike the Judiciary Committee Report, dated April 21, 2025, and
2 substitute:

3 "Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
4 substitute:

5 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1402, **amend**
6 (2) as follows:

7 **42-4-1402. Careless driving - penalty.** (2) (a) Except as
8 otherwise provided in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (2), any~~
9 SUBSECTIONS (2)(b) AND (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, A person who violates
10 ~~any provision of this section~~ commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic
11 offense.

12 (b) If the person's actions are the proximate cause of bodily injury
13 to ~~another, such~~ AN INDIVIDUAL, THE person commits a class 1
14 misdemeanor traffic offense.

15 (c) (I) If the person's actions are the proximate cause of SERIOUS
16 BODILY INJURY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-1-901, OR death to ~~another,~~
17 ~~such~~ AN INDIVIDUAL, THE person commits a class 1 misdemeanor traffic
18 offense.

19 (II) IF THE PERSON'S ACTIONS ARE THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF
20 SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-1-901, TO OR DEATH
21 TO MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL, EACH INDIVIDUAL INJURED OR KILLED IS
22 A SEPARATE VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, **amend**
24 (1)(cc.5) as follows:

25 **24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other

1 purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant:
2 (1) "Crime" means any of the following offenses, acts, and
3 violations as defined by the statutes of the state of Colorado, whether
4 committed by an adult or a juvenile:
5 (cc.5) Careless driving, in violation of section 42-4-1402 **(2)(c)**,
6 ~~C.R.S.~~, that results in the SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR death of another
7 person;
8 **SECTION 3. Applicability.** This act applies to offenses
9 committed on or after the effective date of this act.
10 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions."."

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