

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	March 13, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Local Government & Housing.

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

SB25-149 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 11, after "effects" insert "in the United
2 States".

3 Page 3, line 14, after "effects" insert "in the United States".

4 Page 3, line 17, after "effects" insert "in the United States".

5 Page 3, after line 19 insert:

6 "(g) A 2017 American Horse Council impact study breakout for
7 Colorado estimated:

8 (I) Horse ownership, equine institutions and profit-making
9 organizations, and tourism spending by participants and spectators
10 combine for a \$3.1 billion economic impact;

11 (II) Approximately 676,000 households in Colorado contain horse
12 enthusiasts, and for every horse-owning household, 22 other households
13 contain horse enthusiasts who participate in activities, events, or support
14 of the industry;

15 (III) 220,000 households participate in trail riding, with 87 percent
16 utilizing public lands, and 187,000 households participated in equestrian
17 lessons; moreover, an additional 33 percent of participants who trail ride
18 in Colorado are from out of state;

19 (IV) The equestrian recreational sector supports 16,712 jobs with
20 a total economic contribution of \$1.49 billion to the state economy;

21 (V) The equestrian competition sector supports 6,796 jobs with a
22 total economic contribution of \$589 million to the state economy;

23 (VI) The equestrian racing sector supports 1,612 jobs with a total
24 economic contribution of \$93 million to the state economy;

1 (VII) The equine therapy sector supports 262 jobs with a total
2 economic impact of \$11.3 million; and
3 (VIII) Equine rescue and sanctuaries support 42 jobs with a total
4 economic impact of \$1.9 million;".

5 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

6 Page 5, strike lines 9 through 15 and substitute:

7 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-231 as
8 follows:

9 **24-33.5-231. Chief - equestrian - education.** THE CHIEF MAY
10 EDUCATE COUNTY SHERIFFS AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
11 ABOUT EQUESTRIAN ZONES AND EQUESTRIAN SAFETY."

12 Page 5, strike lines 19 through 23 and substitute "**facilities.** (1) (a) A
13 COUNTY MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS
14 OR HORSE-TRAILER PARKING NECESSARY TO ACCESS EQUESTRIAN TRAILS.
15 EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS MAY BE USED BY OTHER PEDESTRIANS AND
16 NEED NOT CONTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE NOT NORMALLY USED FOR
17 PEDESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS.

18 (b) A COUNTY MAY REQUIRE A PERSON THAT IS DEVELOPING LAND
19 FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE TO CONSTRUCT EQUESTRIAN ROAD
20 CROSSINGS, HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, OR EQUESTRIAN-SAFETY ROAD
21 IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS.

22 (c) A COUNTY MAY INSTALL SIGNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
23 30-28-141, THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS,
24 HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, OR EQUESTRIAN-SAFETY ROAD
25 IMPROVEMENTS."

26 Page 6, after line 3 insert:

27 "(3) A COUNTY SHALL OBTAIN THE PERMISSION OF THE
28 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AN EQUESTRIAN
29 FACILITY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON A STATE
30 HIGHWAY OR A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A STATE HIGHWAY."

31 Page 6, line 6, strike "**definitions - repeal.**" and substitute "**definitions.**".

32 Page 6, line 9, strike "(9)(b)(I)." and substitute "(9)(a)(I).".

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34 Page 6, strike lines 12 through 17 and substitute:

1 "(A) AN EQUESTRIAN FAIRGROUND, PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN RIDING
2 ARENA, PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER, OR PUBLIC RIDING TRAIL;
3 (B) AN EQUESTRIAN-CENTRIC RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD
4 WHERE EQUESTRIANS REGULARLY RIDE AND THAT WAS ZONED IN SUCH A
5 MANNER AS TO ALLOW HOUSING PRIVATELY OWNED EQUINES BUT IS NOW
6 BEING DEVELOPED FOR PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL USE OR THAT IS ZONED IN
7 SUCH A MANNER AS TO ALLOW HOUSING PRIVATELY OWNED EQUINES;
8 (C) A KEYSTONE PROPERTY; OR".

9 Page 6, line 18, strike "REGULARLY".

10 Page 6, after line 20 insert:

11 "(III) "KEYSTONE PROPERTY" MEANS A PROPERTY THAT HAS AT
12 LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES:
13 (A) BOARDING FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE HOUSING FOR EQUINES,
14 TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIANS, OR EQUINE SERVICE AND EDUCATION
15 PROGRAMS;
16 (B) EQUINE STABLES THAT FACILITATE ANIMAL WELFARE RESCUE
17 PROGRAMS OR EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAMS;
18 (C) BREEDING FACILITIES FOR EQUINES; OR
19 (D) NONPUBLIC EQUESTRIAN VENUES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO
20 THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.".

21 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.

22 Page 7, strike lines 2 through 5.

23 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

24 Page 7, line 14, strike "**sign requirements.**" and substitute "**signs.**".

25 Page 8, strike lines 6 through 18 and substitute "**facilities - exception.**
26 (1) (a) A MUNICIPALITY MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN EQUESTRIAN
27 ROAD CROSSINGS OR HORSE-TRAILER PARKING NECESSARY TO ACCESS
28 EQUESTRIAN TRAILS. EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS MAY BE USED BY
29 OTHER PEDESTRIANS AND NEED NOT CONTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE NOT
30 NORMALLY USED FOR PEDESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS.
31 (b) A MUNICIPALITY MAY REQUIRE A PERSON THAT IS DEVELOPING
32 LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE TO CONSTRUCT EQUESTRIAN
33 ROAD CROSSINGS, HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, OR EQUESTRIAN-SAFETY
34 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS.
35 (c) A MUNICIPALITY MAY INSTALL SIGNS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

1 SECTION 31-23-228, THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF EQUESTRIAN ROAD
2 CROSSINGS, HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, OR EQUESTRIAN-SAFETY ROAD
3 IMPROVEMENTS."

4 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

5 Page 8, strike lines 26 and 27 and substitute:

6 "(3) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL OBTAIN THE PERMISSION OF THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AN EQUESTRIAN
8 FACILITY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION ON A STATE
9 HIGHWAY OR A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A STATE HIGHWAY."

10 Page 9, strike lines 3 through 11 and substitute:

11 **"31-23-228. Equestrian map and signs.** (1) A MUNICIPALITY
12 MAY PUBLISH A MAP SHOWING THE".

13 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

14 Page 9, line 21, strike "(9)(b)(II)." and substitute "(9)(a)(II).".

15 Page 9, line 25, strike "(9)(b)(II)." and substitute "(9)(a)(II).".

16 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 9 and substitute:

17 **"31-23-206. Master plan - definitions.** (9) (a) AS USED IN THIS
18 SUBSECTION (9):".

19 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

20 Page 10, line 14, strike "(9)(b)(I)(A)" and substitute "(9)(a)(I)(A)".

21 Page 10, strike lines 17 through 22 and substitute:

22 "(A) AN EQUESTRIAN FAIRGROUND, PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN RIDING
23 ARENA, PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER, OR PUBLIC RIDING TRAIL;

24 (B) AN EQUESTRIAN-CENTRIC RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD
25 WHERE EQUESTRIANS REGULARLY RIDE AND THAT WAS ZONED IN SUCH A
26 MANNER AS TO ALLOW HOUSING PRIVATELY OWNED EQUINES BUT IS NOW
27 BEING DEVELOPED FOR PRIMARILY RESIDENTIAL USE OR THAT IS ZONED IN
28 SUCH A MANNER AS TO ALLOW HOUSING PRIVATELY OWNED EQUINES;

29 (C) A KEYSTONE PROPERTY; OR".

- 1 Page 10, line 23, strike "REGULARLY".
- 2 Page 10, lines 24 and 25, strike "(9)(b)(II)(A) TO (9)(b)(II)(C)" and
3 substitute "(9)(a)(II)(A) TO (9)(a)(II)(C)".
- 4 Page 10, after line 25 insert:
- 5 "(III) "KEYSTONE PROPERTY" MEANS A PROPERTY THAT HAS AT
6 LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES:
7 (A) BOARDING FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE HOUSING FOR EQUINES,
8 TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIANS, OR EQUINE SERVICE AND EDUCATION
9 PROGRAMS;
10 (B) EQUINE STABLES THAT FACILITATE ANIMAL WELFARE RESCUE
11 PROGRAMS OR EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAMS;
12 (C) BREEDING FACILITIES FOR EQUINES; OR
13 (D) NONPUBLIC EQUESTRIAN VENUES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO
14 THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.".
- 15 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 16 Page 11, strike lines 7 through 13.
- 17 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
- 18 Page 12, strike lines 10 through 27.
- 19 Page 13, strike lines 1 through 24.
- 20 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 21 Page 14, lines 4 and 5, strike "THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
22 42-4-1417." and substitute "GUIDELINES FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH
23 EQUESTRIANS THAT INCLUDE, WHEN SHARING THE ROAD WITH
24 EQUESTRIANS, THE ADVICE THAT THE DRIVER:
25 (I) PROCEED WITH DUE CARE AND CAUTION TO AVOID CAUSING
26 INJURY TO THE EQUESTRIAN;
27 (II) NOT EXCEED TEN MILES PER HOUR; AND
28 (III) (A) MAINTAIN AT LEAST SIX FEET OF DISTANCE FROM THE
29 EQUESTRIAN WHEN PASSING UNLESS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MAKE IT
30 IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN SIX FEET OF DISTANCE; OR
31 (B) MAINTAIN AS MUCH DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE FROM THE
32 EQUESTRIAN IF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN SIX
33 FEET OF DISTANCE.".

- 1 Strike "SHALL" and substitute "MAY" on: **Page 5**, lines 24 and 26; **Page**
- 2 **6**, line 25; **Page 7**, lines 15 and 26; **Page 8**, lines 19 and 21; **Page 9**, line
- 3 22; and **Page 11**, line 3.

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