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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.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

(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>.)

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.

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 OTHER PERSON TO EXPAND SERVICES WITHIN THE
21 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY BY:

22 (I) SHARING RESOURCES AND THE MEANS OF PROVIDING
23 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES; OR

24 (II) COOPERATING ON THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **repeal**
27 (1); and **add** (10) , (11), and (12) as follows:

1 **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - climate goals -**
2 **employee retention goals - reporting - plans.** (1) ~~The general assembly~~
3 ~~hereby finds and declares that surface transportation in the Denver~~
4 ~~metropolitan area is a major problem confronting not only the citizens of~~
5 ~~the metropolitan area but also the citizens of the entire state of Colorado.~~
6 ~~The general assembly further finds that, although mass transportation is~~
7 ~~one component of an effective surface transportation system, the~~
8 ~~allocation of resources to mass transportation must be made in light of all~~
9 ~~surface transportation needs. The general assembly further finds that the~~
10 ~~district should be organized efficiently, economically, and on a~~
11 ~~demand-responsive basis and that the district should consider least-cost~~
12 ~~alternatives in discharging its responsibilities.~~

13 (10) IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE DISTRICT SHALL
14 ALIGN WITH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SET FORTH IN
15 SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g); THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNOR'S
16 "TRANSPORTATION VISION 2035", WHICH INCLUDES AN EIGHTY-THREE
17 PERCENT INCREASE IN TRANSIT SERVICE BY 2035; AND THE MODE CHOICE
18 TARGETS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1-138, AS ADDED BY
19 SENATE BILL 25-030, ENACTED IN 2025. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP
20 PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS IN ALIGNING WITH
21 THESE STATE CLIMATE GOALS. IN ASSESSING CLIMATE IMPACT, THE
22 DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS SERVICES REDUCE
23 VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BY INCREASING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND
24 ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENSE, WALKABLE, AND LESS
25 CAR-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS AND CORRIDORS.

26 (11) THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS FOR EMPLOYEE
27 RETENTION. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO

1 EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ITS EMPLOYEE RETENTION GOALS.

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

7 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-165,
8 32-9-166, 32-9-167, 32-9-168, and 32-9-169 as follows:

9 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**
10 **operational analysis - reporting - funding study - transit-oriented**
11 **community infrastructure. (1) Ten-year strategic plan. (a) NO LATER**
12 **THAN APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A TEN-YEAR**
13 **STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLAN MUST:**

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

22 (II) IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES,
23 INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
24 SERVICES, REQUIRED TO MEET SERVICE AND RIDERSHIP GOALS IN THE
25 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD;

26 (III) INCLUDE A FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN OUTLINING THE
27 TRANSIT PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED

1 WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH MUST BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY IF
2 THE FUNDING PICTURE CHANGES SUBSTANTIALY;

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

8 (V) IDENTIFY EXPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC
9 IMPACTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION
10 PLAN.

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

14 (I) THE TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO
15 BE COMPLETED;

16 (II) THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO
17 COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND

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

23 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
24 EVERY FOUR YEARS.

25 (d) IN CREATING THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT
26 SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE
27 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

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

7 (2) **Comprehensive operational analysis.** NO LATER THAN APRIL
8 10, 2026, AND NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS
9 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE
10 OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS. THE ANALYSIS MUST:

11 (a) ASSESS EXISTING SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS;

12 (b) EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND FUNDING
13 OPPORTUNITIES;

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

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

21 (3) **Reports.** (a) (I) DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE
22 DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT A REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE
23 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN
24 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL
25 ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
26 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION
27 43-2-145 (1)(a). AS PART OF THE REPORT, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE

1 GUIDANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW TO ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND
2 THE PLAN AND ANALYSIS, AND THE COMMITTEE MAY, IF IT DETERMINES
3 THAT THE PLAN OR ANALYSIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION
4 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION, INSTRUCT THE
5 DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT ANY MISSING INFORMATION IS PROMPTLY
6 ADDED.

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

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

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

21 **32-9-166. Information dashboards.** (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL
22 CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE:

23 (a) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS:

24 (I) BY TRANSIT ROUTE:

25 (A) DATA ON RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING TOTAL RIDERSHIP AND
26 WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP;

27 (B) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF

1 WHAT CONSTITUTES ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;

2 (C) FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO;

3 (D) BOARDINGS PER HOUR; AND

4 (E) RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND

5 (II) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING PERFORMANCE TARGETS

6 RELATING TO RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SERVICE PROVISION;

7 (b) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THE

8 DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,

9 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES;

10 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD ON TRANSIT SAFETY,

11 INCLUDING DATA ON PASSENGER SAFETY AND DRIVER SAFETY;

12 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT

13 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

14 REGARDING EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S IN-PROGRESS CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT

15 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; THE FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT,

16 INCLUDING THE PROJECT'S TOTAL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE;

17 AND THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF EACH

18 PROJECT;

19 (e) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT

20 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES; THE REASONS FOR ANY PLANNED

21 CHANGES; AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED CHANGES, INCLUDING

22 EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS; AND

23 (f) THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE

24 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TEN-YEAR

25 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-5-165 (1). THE DISTRICT

26 SHALL UPDATE THIS PROGRESS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

27 (2) THE DISTRICT SHALL FIRST CREATE AND PUBLISH THE

1 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
2 THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025.

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

5 **32-9-167. Required policy updates - service policies and**
6 **standards - equitable transit-oriented development policy - service**
7 **buy-up policy - communication protocols - parking policies and**
8 **strategies.** (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EVERY TWO
9 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE ITS SERVICE POLICIES
10 AND STANDARDS TO:

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

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

19 (c) WORK WITH ENTITIES HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS TO FACILITATE
20 INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG AS THE
21 FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING SERVICE;
22 AND

23 (d) EVALUATE AND SET CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR
24 THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EXISTING ROUTES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING
25 PROVIDING FOR SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS ON THOSE ROUTES IF THEY DO NOT
26 MEET THE IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.

27 (2) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE

1 ITS EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO:

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

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

7 (c) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
8 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USED COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS
9 AND ROUTES.

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

15 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL EVALUATE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICE
16 PROPOSALS AND, WHERE FEASIBLE, CREATE PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE
17 PROPOSALS.

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

21 (a) PLANNED AND UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS;

22 (b) SERVICE SUBSTITUTIONS; AND

23 (c) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND
24 SUBSTITUTIONS.

25 (5) THE DISTRICT SHALL WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN
26 ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO IMPLEMENT PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION
27 DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE

1 OF NEW AND EXISTING PARKING SUPPLY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BEST
2 PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS DEVELOPED
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-35-305.

4 **32-9-168. EcoPass program - bulk purchasers - apartment**
5 **building survey - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
6 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

15 (b) "COVERED DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS IN
16 AN AREA COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF
17 TITLE 29 AND THAT HAS RECEIVED LAND USE APPROVAL AFTER JUNE 30,
18 2025, FOR A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ADAPTIVE RE-USE
19 FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; OR ADAPTIVE RE-USE MIXED-USE PURPOSES
20 THAT INCLUDE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF USE FOR RESIDENTIAL
21 PURPOSES.

22 (c) "ECO PASS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE
23 DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL PREPAID TRANSIT PASSES FOR
24 UNLIMITED USAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S TRANSIT SERVICES. "ECO PASS
25 PROGRAM" INCLUDES THE ECO PASS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECO PASS
26 PROGRAMS, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS.

27 (2) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADMINISTER AN OUTREACH PROGRAM

1 TO PROMOTE THE EcoPASS PROGRAM TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN
2 CONDUCTING OUTREACH, THE DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING
3 INFORMATION TO THE BULK PURCHASER:

4 (I) SUCCINCT INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND PLANNED TRANSIT
5 SERVICE WITHIN THE AREA RELEVANT TO THE BULK PURCHASER,
6 INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROXIMITY, FREQUENCY, AND
7 POPULARITY OF APPLICABLE TRANSIT ROUTES; AND

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

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

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

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

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

5 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,
6 ALLOW A GROUP OF RELATED BULK PURCHASERS THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE
7 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS
8 OF EACH RELATED BULK PURCHASER TO APPLY WITH ONE APPLICATION FOR
9 ENROLLMENT IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM.

10 (4) (a) NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE
11 FIRST RESIDENT MOVES INTO A COVERED DEVELOPMENT, THE COVERED
12 DEVELOPMENT SHALL SURVEY ITS RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS'
13 INTEREST IN HAVING THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE
14 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS. THE SURVEY MUST
15 INCLUDE THE PER-USER COST OF THE BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, AS
16 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

17 (b) IF A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS RESPOND TO THE SURVEY THAT
18 THEY WOULD LIKE THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE
19 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL
20 ENROLL IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE OWNER OR
21 MANAGER OF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS THE CENTRALIZED PAYER OF
22 THE COSTS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EcoPASS PROGRAM, WHICH
23 IT MAY RECOUP FROM ITS RESIDENTS.

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

27 (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE

1 EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE
2 ECOPASS PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
5 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE
6 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

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

10 (II) THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN
11 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

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

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

18 **32-9-169. Income-based fare discount program - enrollment**
19 **targets - reports - legislative declaration. (1) Legislative declaration.**

20 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

21 (a) INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFTEN
22 FACE BARRIERS TO ENROLLING IN BENEFITS FOR WHICH THEY ARE
23 ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD AND STIGMA; AND

24 (b) TO REDUCE THESE BARRIERS, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
25 DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ITS
26 INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

27 (2) **Enrollment and eligibility certification.** (a) ON OR BEFORE

1 JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S
2 MOBILE APPLICATION A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT TO APPLY AND
3 QUALIFY FOR THE DISTRICT'S INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.
4 THE DISTRICT SHALL ELIMINATE ALL OTHER APPLICATION METHODS FOR
5 THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

6 (b) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL ENROLL
7 IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM ALL APPLICANTS WHO
8 SELF-CERTIFY THEIR ELIGIBILITY VIA A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT
9 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (c) AT THE EXPIRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S THREE MONTHS OF
11 INITIAL ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM,
12 THE DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF
13 ELIGIBILITY BEYOND THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT. THE DISTRICT
14 SHALL ACCEPT MULTIPLE FORMS OF PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING
15 PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
16 PROGRAM THAT THE DISTRICT DETERMINES QUALIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL
17 FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

18 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL WIDELY PUBLICIZE THE CHANGE IN
19 APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT
20 PROGRAM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT
21 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (4) **Enrollment targets.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
23 DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED
24 FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

25 (5) **Reports.** (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR
26 BEFORE EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON
27 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE

1 DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
3 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
4 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE
5 REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO
6 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES
7 INDEFINITELY.

8 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT TO THE BOARD ON
9 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN AND MEET ITS ESTABLISHED
10 ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT
11 PROGRAM.

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

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

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

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

26 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers.** (4) All
27 powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in the district shall

1 be exercised and performed by the board; except that the exercise of any
2 executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may be delegated by the
3 board to officers and employees of the district. THESE POWERS, DUTIES,
4 FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO ANY
5 OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 9:

6 (a) SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY
7 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT;

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

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

11 (d) DEVELOPING, ADOPTING, AND OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S
12 BUDGET, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET WITH PROJECT COSTS
13 AND FINANCING MECHANISMS;

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

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

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

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

26 (i) MEETING QUARTERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
27 TRANSPORTATION AND WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF

1 GOVERNMENTS AND MEETING BIANNUALLY WITH ANY LABOR
2 ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN 24-34-401 (6), THAT REPRESENTS SOME OR
3 ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

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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 THE CITY AND
17 COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE
18 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
19 IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT CONTAINS TERRITORY IN TWO
20 OR MORE COUNTIES, OR IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AND IN ONE
21 OR MORE COUNTIES, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
23 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT RESIDE; EXCEPT THAT, IF
24 THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT
25 RESIDE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED
26 BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL
27 OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (b) (I) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN VOTING MEMBERS
25 AND TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

26 (A) FIVE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
27 INCLUDING THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE;

1 (B) THREE VOTING MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS
2 TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER AND WHO USES DISTRICT
3 SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

4 (C) ONE VOTING MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER
5 OF THE SENATE;

6 (D) THREE VOTING MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS A
7 FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT,
8 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

9 (E) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

11 (F) TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AND WHO ARE APPOINTED BY
13 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

14 (II) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE, THE APPOINTING
15 AUTHORITIES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE HAS
16 EXPERTISE IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

17 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA;

18 (B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

19 (C) HUMAN RESOURCES;

20 (D) MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION;

21 (E) TRANSPORTATION EQUITY;

22 (F) ISSUES IMPACTING TRANSIT RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES;

23 (G) FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;

24 (H) URBAN PLANNING;

25 (I) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR; AND

26 (J) SAFETY.

27 (c) (I) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE

1 APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER
2 THAN AUGUST 1, 2025.

3 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE
4 OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE
5 DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE.

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

12 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT
13 COMPENSATION.

14 (e) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN
15 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

16 (f) THE OFFICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN
17 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES.

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

20 (I) THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
21 AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

22 (II) COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
23 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

24 (III) THE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE
25 AGENCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

26 (IV) THE DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE RETENTION.

27 (b) THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO BUILD ON THE WORK

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

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

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

18 **SECTION 9. Appropriation.** For the 2025-26 state fiscal year,
19 \$146,720 is appropriated to the office of the governor for use by the
20 Colorado energy office. This appropriation is from the general fund and
21 is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 0.1
22 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for
23 program administration.

24 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.