

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: 08/05/2014

ATTENDANCE

Time: **09:30 AM to 03:12 PM**

Place: HCR 0112

This Meeting was called to order by
Senator Todd

This Report was prepared by
Kelli Kelty

Becker	X
Buck	X
Coram	X
Everett	*
Ginal	*
Jahn	X
Jones	X
King	A
Kraft-Tharp	X
Lawrence	X
Lee	E
Mitsch Bush	X
Moreno	A
Peniston	X
Rivera	X
Scott	X
Tyler	X
Todd	X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Department of Revenue Report	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Regional Transportation District Report	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Briefing by the Colorado Contractors Association	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Presentation by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	-

09:30 AM -- Department of Revenue Report

Senator Todd, Chair, called the committee to order. She talked about the plan for the upcoming meeting on September 9 and the site visit to Denver Union Station and Denver International Airport scheduled for September 10. She invited the panelists to the table.

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Mr. Michael Dixon, Senior Director, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR), and Mr. Tony Anderson, Operations Director of Titles and Registration, DMV, DOR, introduced themselves. Director Dixon began the presentation and provided a handout to the committee members (Attachment A). He gave an overview of the DMV and discussed the department's organizational chart. He said that roughly 1,100 county employees at 106 offices in the state provide DMV services including issuance of driver's licenses and license plates, titling, and driving tests, among other things. Director Dixon talked about the department's strategic plan and goal of improving customer service to reduce office wait times to an average of 15 minutes per person. He talked about process improvements and the ability for customers to set an appointment prior to coming to the office. Senator Todd commented that she has not received constituent complaints about the DMV lately. Representative Coram commented on the complaints he has received in his district. Director Dixon responded that challenges still exist but that the division is in the process of filling more position vacancies to help with the customer service demands. Senator Jones asked if the 15 minute average for wait times is from the point a customer takes a ticket, or from the point the customer is called to the counter. Director Dixon responded that it is an average wait time of 15 minutes once the customer is at the counter. Representative Kraft-Tharp commented on her recent experience renewing her driver's license. Representative Mitsch Bush asked about online driver's license renewal restrictions.

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Director Dixon continued the presentation. He responded to a comment from Senator Todd about cash-only DMV offices, and said that as of April 2014, credit cards are accepted at 35 office locations in the state. He talked about the other process improvements that are underway, including expanding appointment waitlists, tracking wait times, allowing online renewals for two consecutive renewal periods, and technology improvements. He said that legislation passed during the 2014 session allows for the replacement of the antiquated Drivers Licensing System (DLS) and Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS) systems. Committee discussion about process improvements ensued. Senator Jahn asked about the wait time for drive tests. Director Dixon responded that drive test appointments can be made 90 days in advance and that 150 additional openings occur each day. He talked about the third party driving test option, which allows applicants to perform the driving test with an approved training organization for a fee, instead of through the DMV.

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Representative Coram asked about driving tests for non-citizens who are receiving a driver's license for the first time in Colorado and commented that he has heard that about 250,000 people will be applying for driver's licenses under Senate Bill 13-251. Director Dixon talked about Senate Bill 13-251 and the resources made available by the legislature for implementing the law. He said that the fiscal note for the bill estimated that about 40,000 non-citizens would apply for a driver's license in the first year and that the intent was for the program to fund itself. He stated that the provisions of the bill went into effect on August 1, 2014, and that at least 7 other states have implemented the same provisions. He said the bill provides a 3-year driver's license to qualified individuals who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States and that the cost for the driver's license is \$50.50. Senator Todd asked how the new program and trends are monitored. Director Dixon responded that the department will be monitoring and reviewing the change on a monthly basis. He continued to discuss other changes within the department that have been brought about through legislation, including, giving the department fee setting authority, the department's new website set to launch in October 2014, and other customer service enhancements. Committee discussion about the look of the new non-citizen driver's licenses ensued. Director Dixon talked about the Colorado Drives Project, which is a multi-year project replacing outdated systems and creating electronic lien and title processing. He said that the new system will allow financial institutions and dealerships to complete tasks electronically. Representative Tyler asked about dedicated exceptions processing offices. Director Dixon discussed the exceptions processing procedure. He talked about contracting with a new vendor to create a new identification card and driver's license design with enhanced security features and improved durability. Director Dixon provided an update on services provided to veterans, including the Vets 2 Trucks program which helps veterans secure a commercial driver's license (CDL) and save money in the process. He said that the program began in May 2013 and that it has supported 151 people to date. Senator Rivera asked about the reciprocity of CDLs with other states. Director Dixon responded that the CDL program is a national program and that laws are common across all states. He said that if Colorado was found to be out of compliance with the CDL rules, the state would lose federal dollars.

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Director Dixon briefly discussed temporary license plate tags and said that the department has been working closely with E-470, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Department of Corrections (DOC) to evaluate a solution for the temporary tags. He said that the major issues with the current tags are the readability of the tags, and that the data on the temporary tag is not actually tied to the vehicle. He said that the working group is still assessing the options to arrive at a viable solution.

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Mr. Anderson began his portion of the presentation and provided a handout to the committee members (Attachment B). He provided an overview of the current license plate designs available to Colorado drivers. He talked about legislation passed during the 2014 session impacting license plates and gave a brief overview of House Bill 14-1029, concerning disabled parking; House Bill 14-1089, which created two new plates to replace the current 10th Mountain Division license plate; House Bill 14-1284, which requires legislator license plates to be registered to the legislator's vehicle; House Bill 14-1367, concerning classifying autocycles as passenger motor vehicles; Senate Bill 14-030, which waives the issuance fee for one set of the Distinguished Flying Cross license plates for qualified applicants; Senate Bill 14-036, concerning the creation of an Emergency Medical Services special license plate; Senate Bill 14-041, creating the USS Colorado special license plate; Senate Bill 14-132, which removes the requirement that the fallen soldier be deployed to a combat zone; and Senate Bill 14-194, which was the DMV modernization bill and removed the annual sweep of the License Plate Cash Fund (LPCF). He talked about print-on-demand for license plates and the money it will save the department in inventory. Committee discussion about the print-on-demand process ensued.

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Mr. Anderson walked the committee through the different types of special license plates and the requirements for issuance of the plates. He said that Colorado has 138 different license plate types and responded to committee questions about the plate types and issuance requirements. Representative Scott talked about placing a cap on the number of license plate designs and asked how to use legislator license plates on two vehicles, for instance, on his 4x4 in the winter and his non-4x4 in the summer. Mr. Anderson said that legislators would not be able to use the plate on more than one vehicle because the law requires the plate to be registered to a specific vehicle, rather than to the legislator. Mr. Anderson suggested that legislators can transfer the plate to another vehicle, but that this process would be necessary each time the plate was used on a different vehicle. Senator Rivera asked if there is a fee for each transfer transaction. Mr. Anderson responded in the affirmative.

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The presenters concluded their presentation and the committee took a brief recess.

11:01 AM -- Regional Transportation District Report

Senator Todd called the committee back to order and welcomed the presenters from the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to the table. Mr. Phillip Washington, General Manager and CEO, RTD, and Mr. Charles Sisk, Chair of the Board of Directors, RTD, introduced themselves. The presentation was provided in a handout (Attachment C). Mr. Sisk provided a brief overview of his background. Mr. Washington began his presentation by providing an overview of RTD and said that the RTD service area is large and provides service across 40 municipalities, 2,340 square miles, and serves about 2.8 million people (about 53 percent of the state's population) each year. He talked about the current RTD system, which has 992 buses, 172 light rail vehicles, 137 routes, 77 park and rides, 9,509 bus stops, 48 miles of light rail, and 46 light rail stations. He said that RTD contracts out about 56 percent of their service but, that by law, they can contract out for up to 58 percent of their service. He provided an update on the FasTracks projects in the region. He said that RTD is currently managing over \$5 billion in projects. He talked about the direct and indirect impacts that RTD has on the state's economy. He said that for every dollar spent on transportation infrastructure, there is a return on investment of \$4. Senator Rivera asked about light rail car capacity. Mr. Washington responded. Committee discussion regarding peak travel times and economic development ensued.

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Representative Kraft-Tharp asked about the expansion of the Southeast rail line. Mr. Washington said that the expansion is a two-mile extension. He talked about the use of federal dollars to fund the extension project and said that RTD is expecting to receive about \$92 million in federal funding in late 2015. Committee discussion ensued regarding funding sources for rail lines. Senator Jones talked about the Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS) and said that part of the agreement was that nothing else would be built in the system until money was invested in the Northwest. He said that people really want a train to Longmont and that it seems even more distant now. Mr. Washington responded. Mr. Sisk talked about the support for the extension that RTD received from the mayors of Westminster, Broomfield, and Boulder.

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Committee discussion about financing for the rail line continued.

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Mr. Washington continued his presentation. He talked about the Workforce Initiative Now (WIN) program and said that the program has been recognized by the federal government as a way to involve communities in conversations about transportation infrastructure. He talked about a fare study that RTD is conducting. He said that the fare system has been a concern for a number of years and that the system is very complex in terms of the number of different fares being charged. He stated that the results of the study will help RTD simplify the fare structure. He said that the study takes two years to complete and that stakeholder input is an important aspect of the process. Mr. Washington commented that RTD has one of the most complex fare systems in the country due to the number of passes issued and the different fare levels. Mr. Sisk said that fare recovery for RTD is about 20 cents on the dollar and that RTD must identify ways to be a sustainable model. He added that ideally, fare studies would be conducted every three to four years.

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Mr. Washington stated that RTD continually pursues alternative funding for projects. He said that a working group has been investigating ways to be more innovative in terms of transportation delivery. Representative Tyler asked about the use of solar panels and alternative energy for RTD operations. He said that RTD structures have a lot of flat open space which is good for a solar garden.

Senator Todd thanked the presenters and commented on their enthusiasm. She thanked her RTD commissioners.

11:57 AM -- Briefing by the Colorado Contractors Association

Mr. Tony Milo, Executive Director, Colorado Contractors Association, introduced himself to the committee. He discussed problems with workforce shortages and said that a lack of skilled workers is preventing expansion in the construction industry. He said that many construction firms are having a hard time filling positions, and that, generally, this is due to the lack of an education pipeline for the industry. He said that he would like to look at ways to offer vocational opportunities in schools and promote construction as a viable career path. Committee discussion ensued regarding the importance of vocational education. Senator Jahn commented on a working group that has been created to look at vocational education issues. Representative Kraft-Tharp said that there is also a lack of skilled workers in the trades. Representative Mitsch Bush commented on work being done in her district related to vocational education. Senator Todd talked about her involvement in Aurora Youth for Success and the program's role in exposing youth to vocational opportunities.

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Mr. Milo discussed the need for a reliable funding source for transportation projects in Colorado. He said that Colorado's gas tax has not been increased since 1991 and that the price of gas has continued to increase. He said that in 1991, gas cost \$1.14 per gallon and today it averages \$3.50 per gallon, but the gas tax remains flat at \$0.22 per gallon. He said that the state does not provide General Fund dollars for transportation, but that funding is only through the gas tax and registration fees. Committee discussion ensued regarding ways that other states are funding transportation and infrastructure projects, as well as future fund transfers to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 09-228.

12:27 PM -- Presentation by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado

Ms. Marilen Reimer, Executive Director, American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC), introduced herself to the committee and discussed the benefits of P3 arrangements. Mr. Brad Doyle, Colorado Area Manager, Parsons, introduced himself to the committee and said that Parsons is concerned with possible legislation concerning public-private partnership (P3) projects. He discussed the limited number of companies that are available for large P3 projects and expressed concern that increased legislation could limit future P3 projects. He discussed Senate Bill 14-197, concerning the Transportation Enterprise Transparency Act.

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Director Reimer and Mr. Doyle responded to questions from the committee regarding CDOT's oversight role and possible challenges from increased oversight of P3 projects. Senator Jones discussed the need to maximize transparency and said that P3 projects are not as transparent as when CDOT does the project. Committee discussion ensued regarding the importance of public involvement and increased transparency. Representative Kraft-Tharp noted that private investors have said that projects are better investments if the public is involved, and stated that she thinks more public involvement leads to greater support for transportation funding. She discussed why Senate Bill 14-197 was vetoed. Director Reimer said that ACEC was in agreement with the executive order that the governor issued when he vetoed the bill. Representative Mitsch Bush discussed a poll conducted by Club 20 and said that the poll's preliminary findings suggest that when the public is involved and understands the value of a specific project, there is more support than the Impact 64 poll indicated. Mr. Doyle discussed the competitive nature of the process. Representative Lawrence expressed her concern with the lack transparency with the P3 proposal process. She said that the public does not get to see a statement of qualification, how the list is narrowed down to a few contractors, or what promises are made in the P3 proposals. She said that these things are important in order to know if these promises are fulfilled. Representative Kraft-Tharp requested additional information on the different types of P3s.

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Senator Todd thanked the presenters for their presentation and for providing lunch to the committee.

01:05 PM -- Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation

Senator Todd stated that the committee would begin discussing motions to draft legislation. Representative Mitsch Bush discussed a bill idea concerning I-70 and the mountain corridor addressing passenger vehicle traction issues. She commented on the fines for passenger vehicles when chain laws are in effect on I-70 and discussed the need for more enforcement. Representative Becker commented on congestion in Clear Creek County and asked if Representative Mitsch Bush's bill idea had been vetted by CDOT and if the department thinks it will alleviate congestion. Representative Mitsch Bush said that the idea was vetted by CDOT. Discussion ensued concerning the effectiveness of increased fines and ways in which to alleviate congestion. Representative Tyler commented on House Bill 14-1021, concerning Independence Pass, and said that it would be a good model for this bill proposal. He stressed the importance of education and public notice.

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Discussion ensued concerning current fines and whether a bill is needed on this issue. Mr. Dave Hall, representing the Colorado State Patrol (CSP), came to the table to discuss current fines and enforcement. He commented on current law and said that it covers "adequate tires" and fines related to vehicles that do not have adequate tires. Discussion ensued concerning signage on I-70. Senator Jahn asked for more information concerning current fines and asked why legislation is required to add more signs. Representative Scott asked how this bill would address rental cars.

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Representative Mitsch Bush said that commercial vehicles are aware of the fines but that passenger vehicles do not expect to be fined. She commented on the lack of funding and staff to enforce passenger vehicles that are violating current law. Senator Rivera said that current law addresses chains and adequate tires for passenger vehicles. Representative Peniston commented on rental car company liability for cars and said that most rental cars will not have inadequate tires. Discussion ensued concerning whether legislation is needed to address this issue.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	01:30:28 PM	
MOVED:	Mitsch Bush	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning passenger vehicle traction issues and enforcement. The motion passed on a vote of 10-3, with three members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	Yes
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	Yes
	Everett	Yes
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	Yes
	Jones	Excused
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	Yes
	Lawrence	No
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	Yes
	Rivera	No
	Scott	No
	Tyler	Yes
	Todd	Yes
YES: 10 NO: 3 EXC: 3 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: PASS		

01:36 PM

Representative Scott discussed a bill proposal related to driving tests required for illegal immigrants. He discussed the need for individuals applying for a driver's license pursuant to Senate Bill 13-251 to adhere to the same testing standards as individuals applying for a standard driver's license. Senator Todd referred to a DOR handout that said that individuals applying for a license pursuant to Senate Bill 13-251 have to abide by the same requirements as a regular driver's license. Jery Payne, Office of Legislative Legal Services, came to the table to respond to questions concerning current law and requirements pursuant to Senate Bill 13-251. Discussion ensued concerning whether a bill is needed to address this issue. Representative Scott stated that he wants to ensure that there is clarification that individuals applying for a license under Senate Bill 13-251 must meet the same driving and testing requirements, particularly demonstrating proof of the ability to drive. Saskia Young, representing DOR, came to the table to respond to questions from the committee concerning the current requirements related to Senate Bill 13-251. She said that individuals applying for a license pursuant to Senate Bill 13-251 must pass a driving test and then they begin the documentation phase of the driver's license process.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	01:46:47 PM	
MOVED:	Scott	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning provisions for driving tests or proof of ability to drive for licenses issued pursuant to Senate Bill 13-251. The motion was withdrawn.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	
	Buck	
	Coram	
	Everett	
	Ginal	
	Jahn	
	Jones	
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	
	Lawrence	
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	
	Rivera	
	Scott	
	Tyler	
	Todd	
YES: 0 NO: 0 EXC: 1 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION:		

01:48 PM

Senator Rivera discussed a bill proposal that would allow funeral vehicles to use of red and blue lights, similar to emergency vehicles. Dave Hall, representing the CSP, came to the table to respond to questions from the committee concerning the designation of emergency vehicles. Senator Todd discussed Senate Bill 14-170, which would have designated funeral vehicles as emergency vehicles. The bill was postponed indefinitely. Mr. Hall commented on the discussion that took place about Senate Bill 14-170 last session, and said that there are a lot of groups that want red and blue lights on their vehicles. He said that the CSP is open to discussion on the issue. Discussion ensued concerning how this issue should be addressed and how best to educate the public.

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Senator Rivera said that he thinks the bill is important and that there is a need for this in Pueblo. He commented on lighting schemes for emergency vehicles. Senator Todd commented on the discussion surrounding Senate Bill 14-170 and said that she thinks that additional discussion would be helpful on this topic before moving forward with a bill. The committee discussed the lighting of emergency vehicles and the process for authorizing and designating vehicles as emergency vehicles.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	02:13:35 PM	
MOVED:	Rivera	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning the designation of funeral vehicles as emergency vehicles. The motion failed on a vote of 5-9, with two members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	No
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	No
	Everett	Yes
	Ginal	No
	Jahn	No
	Jones	No
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	No
	Lawrence	Yes
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	No
	Rivera	Yes
	Scott	No
	Tyler	No
	Todd	Yes
YES: 5 NO: 9 EXC: 2 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: FAIL		

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	02:14:03 PM	
MOVED:	Tyler	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning the addition of a firefighter license plate for motorcycles. The committee further discussed the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-4, with two members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	No
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	No
	Everett	Yes
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	No
	Jones	Yes
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	No
	Lawrence	Yes
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	Yes
	Rivera	Yes
	Scott	Yes
	Tyler	Yes
	Todd	Yes
YES: 10 NO: 4 EXC: 2 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: PASS		

02:18 PM

Representative Scott discussed a bill proposal related to the number of special license plates in the state. Discussion ensued concerning the current number of plates and revenue generated by creating new special license plates.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	02:20:14 PM	
MOVED:	Scott	
MOTION:	Draft legislation to cap the number of special license plates created in the state at 20 percent above the number of special licenses plates approved by January 1, 2016. The motion failed on a 7-7 vote, with two members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	Yes
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	Yes
	Everett	Yes
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	No
	Jones	No
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	Yes
	Lawrence	No
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	No
	Rivera	No
	Scott	Yes
	Tyler	No
	Todd	No
YES: 7 NO: 7 EXC: 2 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: TIE		

02:22 PM

Representative Tyler discussed a bill proposal related to funding the infrastructure of the Safe Routes to School program in the CDOT. He said that the bill would provide \$3 million in funding for infrastructure of the program and discussed how the bill would divide that money between the department and the General Fund. He commented on the passage of House Bill 14-1301 that provided \$700,000 in funding for the education and training of the program. Representative Kraft-Tharp asked for examples of infrastructure for the program. Representative Tyler commented on schools that have difficult sidewalk access and the need to make routes to schools more accessible. Representative Mitsch Bush commented on the infrastructure portion of the program and the importance of the bill proposal. She said that infrastructure projects have improved communities throughout the state. Discussion ensued concerning the program and the bill proposal.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	02:29:43 PM	
MOVED:	Tyler	
MOTION:	Draft legislation to provide funding for the infrastructure of the Safe Routes to School Program in the Colorado Department of Transportation. The motion passed on a vote of 8-6, with two members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	Yes
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	No
	Everett	No
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	No
	Jones	Yes
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	Yes
	Lawrence	No
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	Yes
	Rivera	No
	Scott	No
	Tyler	Yes
	Todd	Yes
YES: 8 NO: 6 EXC: 2 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: PASS		

02:31 PM

Senator Todd discussed a bill idea related to temporary license plate tags and the collection of unpaid tolls. Kurt Morrison, representing CDOT, came to the table to address the collection of unpaid tolls on E-470 and North I-25 express toll lanes. He commented on the need to redesign the temporary license plate tags and relocating where they would be affixed to the rear of the vehicle so that they would be more readily apparent to toll enforcement cameras. Discussion ensued concerning funding of the redesign.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	02:37:28 PM	
MOVED:	Todd	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning temporary license plate tags and collecting unpaid tolls. The committee further discussed the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 11-0, with five members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	Yes
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	Yes
	Everett	Yes
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	Yes
	Jones	Yes
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	Yes
	Lawrence	Excused
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	Yes
	Rivera	Yes
	Scott	Excused
	Tyler	Excused
	Todd	Yes
YES: 11 NO: 0 EXC: 5 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: PASS		

02:39 PM

Representative Coram discussed a bill proposal on behalf of Representative Tyler. Greer Bailey, representing the Colorado Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association, and RJ Hicks, representing Kum & Go, came to the table to discuss the bill proposal. Mr. Bailey said that the bill proposal would establish a limited fund for a specified period which allows stations to apply for reimbursement for peak demand charges incurred by compressed natural gas (CNG) and electrical stations. The bill would request that the Public Utilities Commission explore mitigation efforts on long-term demand charge rates to encourage the adoption of CNG and electric fuel. He discussed the role of the Colorado Energy Office under the bill. Discussion ensued concerning the bill proposal.

BILL:	Committee Consideration of Motions to Draft Legislation	
TIME:	03:10:37 PM	
MOVED:	Coram	
MOTION:	Draft legislation concerning the creation of a fund for the purposes of providing reimbursement for peak demand charges incurred by alternative fuel stations. The motion passed on a vote of 11-1, with four members excused and two members absent.	
SECONDED:		
		VOTE
	Becker	Yes
	Buck	Excused
	Coram	Yes
	Everett	No
	Ginal	Yes
	Jahn	Yes
	Jones	Yes
	King	Absent
	Kraft-Tharp	Yes
	Lawrence	Yes
	Lee	Excused
	Mitsch Bush	Yes
	Moreno	Absent
	Peniston	Yes
	Rivera	Yes
	Scott	Excused
	Tyler	Excused
	Todd	Yes
YES: 11 NO: 1 EXC: 4 ABS: 2 FINAL ACTION: PASS		

03:12 PM

Senator Todd discussed the committee's schedule for the remainder of the interim. The committee adjourned.