



DRCOG Legislative Report

New Bills, as of April 6, 2026

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Transportation bills

[SB26-150](#) Modernizing Regional Transportation District

Bill Summary: The bill requires the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to contract with a third party to conduct a needs analysis on providing services to riders with disabilities, and modifies the election, size, and composition of the RTD board.

Disability Services Study

On or before December 31, 2027, the RTD must contract with a third party to complete and submit to the General Assembly a comprehensive analysis and planning effort for providing service to riders with disabilities.

RTD Board Redistricting

By September 15, 2027, the bill requires the Office of Legislative Legal Services and the Legislative Council Staff to apportion the composition of the RTD board so that five board members will represent a district on the basis of population and ridership numbers. The Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission will perform this redistricting after the federal census in 2030 and following each federal census thereafter. Members elected from newly drawn districts may serve up to two, four-year terms.

RTD Board Composition

The bill changes the composition of the RTD board. Under current law, the board consists of 15 elected board members. Beginning January 1, 2029, the bill requires that the current members' terms expire and the terms of nine new board members begin, with five of these members being elected and four being appointed by the Governor. The bill establishes requirements for the background and expertise of the appointees, requires the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide a list of nominees for two appointments to the board, and allows the Governor to remove an appointed member for causes that render the member unfit to serve on the board.

The bill also raises the salary for a board member elected in 2028 or later from \$12,000 to \$36,000 annually, with adjustments for inflation or deflation. A board chairperson will receive 150 percent of the salary of other board members.

Sponsors: Ball & Jodeh/Froehlich & Jackson

Status: Senate Transportation & Energy

[Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 26-150](#)

Staff recommended position: Board Direction Requested



Staff comments: This bill is the result of the RTD Accountability Committee that was established by Senate Bill 25-161 (SB25-161), the committee was charged with providing recommendations to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee concerning the governance structure and compensation of the RTD board and executive leadership; paratransit services within RTD; the representation of local governments and state agencies within RTD, and RTD’s labor and workforce standards and workforce retention. The bill addresses the first two of these areas.

Legislative Policy: DRCOG supports efforts that enhance the efficient use of roadways and transit facilities, including collaborative programs for incident management and intelligent transportation systems; the allocation of additional state funds to support transit services within and among communities in the DRCOG area; and measures to improve safety for users of all travel modes, including drivers, transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists.

