



DRCOG Legislative Report

New Bills, as of March 11, 2026

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Transportation bills

[House Bill 26-1102](#): Funding for Colorado DRIVES Account

Bill Summary: The bill makes the following changes to increase the amount of revenue that is directed to the Colorado DRIVES account created in the Highway Users Tax Fund: Beginning July 1, 2027, it redirects \$2 of each late vehicle registration fee from the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) to the DRIVES Cash Fund; and redirects registration fees for personalized license plates from the HUTF to the DRIVES Cash Fund, except \$2 of each fee is still remitted to the county in which the plate was issued. The bill also allows the department to charge a fee to individuals who fail to appear for an appointment with the Department of Motor Vehicles or cancel within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment, with certain exceptions.

Sponsors: Lindsay

Status: House Floor

[Fiscal Note for HB26-1102](#)

Staff recommended position: Oppose

Staff comments: The bill is intended to increase and stabilize funding for the Division of Motor Vehicles, whose fund is expected to be insolvent at the end of FY 2027-28. It does this by reallocating existing fees that otherwise would go to the HUTF. **CML and CCI Oppose the bill.** However, our partner organizations note HB 26-1289 contains a provision to use fuel tax deduction changes to backfill the lost HUTF funds. One strategy is to delay the progress of HB26-1102 until HB26-1289 is signed into law, to ensure the funds to offset the loss of HUTF funds for local governments are there.

Legislative Policy: Reduce or eliminate off-the-top appropriations from the Highway Users Tax Fund.

[House Bill 26-1237](#): Transportation Safety Modifications

Bill Summary: The bill makes various changes to statute regarding transportation safety. These changes include:

- clarifying tire, chain, and alternate traction device requirements on a state highway by removing references to four-wheel and all-wheel drive vehicles;
- prohibiting an individual from stopping, standing, or parking on a portion of roadway designated as a bike lane, and making it a class B traffic infraction to do so;
- clarifying language regarding abandoned motor vehicles; and,
- updating statutory references relating to vehicle or traffic collisions or collisions involving other transportation devices to use the term “crash” or “incident” in addition to or in place of the term “accident”.



Sponsors: L. Smith & Taggart/Lindstedt

Status: House Floor

Fiscal Note for House Bill 26-1237

Staff recommended position: Support

Staff comments: DRCOG's Board-adopted *Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero* plan establishes a goal to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries on the transportation system with a proactive, preventive approach. The bill has broad support **CCI supports the bill.**

Legislative Policy: DRCOG supports measures to improve safety for users of all travel modes, including drivers, transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists.

