



HB18-1191

Safer Speed Limits on County Roads

Give Counties and Municipalities Additional Flexibility to Establish Appropriate Speed Limits on Local Roads

Sponsors: Rep. Winter/Sens. Martinez Humenik & Kefalas

Currently in Colorado, the state Department of Transportation sets the speed limits for every road in the state – including local roads. Counties and municipalities have the statutory authority to raise or lower the speed limits on these local roads, but only if a traffic inspection or survey indicates a change is warranted. Moreover, these traffic surveys (which record the speeds of people traveling on the road) tend to support **increasing** the local speed limit, when in fact many local elected officials are being asked by residents to **lower** the speed limits on residential streets in order to make them safer.

HB 18-1191 will establish additional criteria in statute that will allow boards of county commissioners and city councils to factor in other considerations (like road character and pedestrian traffic) when making determinations on appropriate speed limits for residential neighborhoods and other local roads. This is especially critical in areas of the state where there is limited access to parks, sidewalks and trails – as the roads in these areas see considerably more pedestrian traffic.

This local control legislation enhances local decision-making on road safety without compromising established traffic engineering practices.

Please vote “Yes” on HB18-1191

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