

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1098

Chairperson: Senator Mike Moser

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB1098 establishes the State Rail Plan Act and designates the Department of Transportation as the authority responsible for preparing, maintaining, and administering a state rail plan. The bill requires the department to conduct an annual study of passenger rail service and report its findings to the Legislature.

It also requires the preparation and ongoing maintenance of a comprehensive, federally compliant state rail plan that addresses passenger and freight rail needs, infrastructure improvements, coordination with other transportation systems, and opportunities for federal funding. The bill authorizes the department to gather public and stakeholder input and adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the State Rail Plan Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Margo Juarez