

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB23-159 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 16 insert:
2 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-1103, **amend**
3 (1)(a), (1)(a)(III), and (1)(b); and **add** (1)(b.5) and (3) as follows:
4 **23-31-1103. Council - purpose and duties.** (1) The **purposes**
5 PURPOSE of the council ~~include~~ IS TO GROW LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND
6 STATEWIDE FOOD ECONOMIES WITHIN WHICH PRODUCERS HAVE ACCESS TO
7 NEW MARKETS AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS HAVE ACCESS TO FRESH,
8 AFFORDABLE, AND HEALTHY FOODS. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:
9 (a) ~~Growing local, regional, and statewide food economies within~~
10 ~~which producers have access to new markets and low-income populations~~
11 ~~have access to fresh, affordable, and healthy foods. The council will~~
12 ~~collaborate and coordinate~~ COLLABORATING AND COORDINATING with
13 agricultural producers, relevant state and federal educational institutions,
14 nongovernmental organizations, and consumers to connect state and
15 federal agencies and to provide Colorado agricultural producers,
16 including fruit and vegetable producers, with viable market opportunities.
17 Areas of focus include:
18 (III) ~~Supporting the implementation of the recommendations in~~
19 ~~the Colorado blueprint of food and agriculture project, ensuring that the~~
20 ~~recommendations in the blueprint, or its successor project, are updated as~~
21 ~~needed, and ensuring alignment with other state or local food plans if~~
22 ~~relevant.~~ EXAMINING BEST PRACTICES TO ADVANCE OR IMPROVE
23 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND DEVELOP NEW MARKETS FOR COLORADO
24 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.
25 (b) Conducting research regarding national best practices
26 regarding food and nutrition assistance, direct and intermediated market
27 development, institutional procurement, and farm-to-school programs; ~~as~~
28 ~~well as other priorities determined by the council;~~
29 (b.5) SERVING AS A RESOURCE FOR RESEARCH AND SUPPORT AT
30 THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
31 OR ANY STATE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE AND
32 DUTIES IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(a) AND (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION;
33 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL ACCEPT AND CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT
34 REGARDING ANY RESEARCH OR REPORTS CREATED BY THE COUNCIL
35 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (1)(b) AND (1)(b.5) OF THIS SECTION. THE
36 COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A MINIMUM OF SIXTY
37 DAYS.".
- 38 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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