

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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April 21, 2023  
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB23-1069 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Energy and Environment Committee Report, dated February  
2 16, 2023, page 7, after line 4 insert:

3 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-60-124, **amend**  
4 (4)(b); and **add** (4)(d) as follows:

5 **34-60-124. Oil and gas conservation and environmental**  
6 **response fund - repeal.** (4) The oil and gas conservation and  
7 environmental response fund may be expended:

8 (b) For purposes authorized by section 23-41-114 (4); ~~C.R.S.~~ AND

9 (d) (I) BY THE COMMISSION AND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY,  
10 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 23-31-101, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDY  
11 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 34-60-134.

12 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (4)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER  
13 1, 2025.

14 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal  
15 year, \$370,140 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This  
16 appropriation is from the oil and gas conservation and environmental  
17 response fund created in section 34-60-122 (5)(a), C.R.S., and is based on  
18 an assumption that the department will require an additional 3.0 FTE. To  
19 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the  
20 board of governors of the Colorado state university system for the biochar  
21 in oil and gas well plugging working advisory group.

22 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$5,600 is appropriated to the  
23 department of natural resources for use by the oil and gas conservation  
24 commission. This appropriation is from the oil and gas conservation and  
25 environmental response fund created in section 34-60-122 (5)(a), C.R.S.  
26 To implement this act, the commission may use this appropriation for  
27 program costs."

- 1 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
- 2 Page 7, after line 7 insert:
- 3 "Page 1 of the bill, line 105, strike "WELLS." and substitute "WELLS, AND,
- 4 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."**".

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