

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 16, 2024  
Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

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

HB24-1366 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:
- 3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-38.5-123 as  
4 follows:
- 5 **24-38.5-123. Prioritization criteria for state programs.** (1) THE  
6 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SHALL  
8 CONDUCT, OR CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO CONDUCT, A  
9 STUDY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, ON:
- 10 (a) THE FEASIBILITY OF, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR,  
11 ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION;
- 12 (b) THE FEASIBILITY OF PRIORITIZING CERTAIN STATE GRANTS AND  
13 FUNDS BASED ON A GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION;
- 14 (c) BEST PRACTICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, AND  
15 NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
16 COMMUNITY PLANS; AND
- 17 (d) HOW STATE AGENCIES COULD ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN  
18 THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENT PLANS, INCLUDING THROUGH ASSISTING LOCAL  
20 GOVERNMENTS APPLYING FOR RELEVANT GRANT AWARDS AND SEEKING TO  
21 QUALIFY FOR OR CLAIM STATE AND FEDERAL TAX CREDITS; AND
- 22 (e) BARRIERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ACTION AT THE  
23 STATE LEVEL, AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THOSE BARRIERS.
- 24 (2) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION SYSTEM, AS  
25 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IS A SYSTEM IN WHICH  
26 STATE AGENCIES PRIORITIZE AWARDED STATE GRANTS AND FUNDS TO  
27 THOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GREEN  
28 CERTIFICATION BASED ON THE:

1 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES  
2 AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND STRATEGIC GROWTH  
3 GOALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

4 (3) A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY PLAN, AS  
5 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS  
6 NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

7 (a) GOALS, PLANS, AND STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING:

8 (I) REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION IN FURTHERANCE OF  
9 THE GOVERNOR'S "COLORADO GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION  
10 ROADMAP 2.0" RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, OR AS AMENDED OR  
11 SUPERSEDED BY A NEW VERSION THEREAFTER;

12 (II) CONVERTING MOTOR VEHICLES TO ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES;

13 (III) SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE  
14 CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE;

15 (IV) REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM WASTE THROUGH POLICIES AND  
16 PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING, INCREASE  
17 WASTE DIVERSION RATES, AND REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM WASTE HAULING;

18 (V) ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR REDUCED PER CAPITA VEHICLE  
19 MILES TRAVELED;

20 (VI) REDUCING PER CAPITA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED THROUGH  
21 METHODS INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT, ENCOURAGING  
22 EMPLOYER COMMUTE PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOPING BICYCLE AND  
23 PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE;

24 (VII) REDUCING PER CAPITA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, BUILDING  
25 ENERGY USE, AND EMISSIONS FROM CONVERSION OF NATURAL AND  
26 WORKING LANDS BY UPDATING LOCAL LAND USE CODES TO ALLOW AND  
27 ENCOURAGE COMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND MINIMIZE GREENFIELD  
28 DEVELOPMENT;

29 (VIII) PROTECTING OR RESTORING THE TREE CANOPY;

30 (IX) SUPPORTING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT;

31 (X) MITIGATING VULNERABILITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL  
32 DEGRADATION OR CLIMATE CHANGE SUCH AS AN INCREASED RISK OF  
33 DROUGHT, FLOOD, OR WILDFIRE;

34 (XI) REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
35 THROUGH METHODS INCLUDING ADOPTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUILDING  
36 CODES AND ENCOURAGING BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION; AND

37 (XII) ANY OTHER CLIMATE-RELATED GOALS, PLANS, OR  
38 STRATEGIES; AND

39 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL  
40 GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT THE LOCAL  
41 GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED FOR IMPLEMENTING A GOAL, PLAN, OR  
42 STRATEGY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

43 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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