

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 13, 2025
Date

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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

SB25-120 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. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
4 finds and declares that:

5 (a) Nuclear energy is a critical component of Colorado's clean
6 energy strategy and economic development, offering consistent, reliable
7 and noncarbon power generation to support grid stability and emissions
8 reduction goals;

9 (b) A highly skilled workforce is essential for the deployment and
10 operation of advanced nuclear technologies, small modular reactors, and
11 commercial fusion systems. Workforce readiness in engineering, radiation
12 safety, fusion energy operations, and reactor technology is necessary to
13 support Colorado's energy transition.

14 (c) The Colorado nuclear workforce development and education
15 council will harness private investment, federal funding, and strategic
16 partnerships to make the state a leader in nuclear energy workforce
17 development. Through grants to eligible institutions of higher education
18 and related technical assistance, the council will expand educational
19 pathways to careers in the nuclear energy sector.

20 (d) The Colorado school of mines' expertise in energy resource
21 management, workforce development, and federal grant facilitation
22 uniquely positions it to house the Colorado nuclear workforce
23 development and education council; and

24 (e) By developing and expanding existing state higher education
25 infrastructure, including degree and certificate programs and technical
26 training, and by leveraging public and private sector collaboration, the
27 council will help Colorado expand workforce readiness in the nuclear

1 energy sector without new state appropriations, supporting long-term
2 economic growth and clean energy innovation.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 3 to article
4 41 of title 23 as follows:

5 **PART 3**
6 **COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND**
7 **EDUCATION COUNCIL**

8 **23-41-301. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 3, UNLESS THE
9 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "CASH FUND" MEANS THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE
11 DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
12 23-41-306.

13 (2) "COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITY" MEANS A COAL TRANSITION
14 COMMUNITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-83-502.

15 (3) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE
16 DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 23-41-302.

17 (4) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF
18 HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (10)(a); A LOCAL
19 DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-71-102; OR AN AREA
20 TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103.

21 (5) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLORADO NUCLEAR
22 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED
23 IN SECTION 23-41-304.

24 (6) "THIRD-PARTY ENTITY" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS ENTERED
25 INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE STAFFING OR
26 OPERATIONAL SERVICES TO THE COUNCIL OR TO HELP IMPLEMENT THIS
27 PART 3, INCLUDING THE GRANT PROGRAM.

28 **23-41-302. Colorado nuclear workforce development and**
29 **education council - created.** (1) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE
30 DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO
31 SCHOOL OF MINES. THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO MEET GROWING
32 WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR BY:

33 (a) PROVIDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE
34 DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE
35 PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, OR MODULAR TRAINING FOCUSED ON
36 NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING FUSION AND FISSION, THROUGH THE
37 COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT
38 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-41-304; AND

39 (b) PROVIDING ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS RELATED TECHNICAL
40 ASSISTANCE.

41 (2) THE COUNCIL IS ONLY REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SECTIONS
42 23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 IF, PURSUANT TO SECTION
43 23-41-307, SECTIONS 23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 BECOME

1 EFFECTIVE.

2 (3) THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PROVIDING TECHNICAL
3 ASSISTANCE, ANY CONTRACTED WORK PERFORMED BY A THIRD-PARTY
4 ENTITY, THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, MUST BE
5 FUNDED ENTIRELY BY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. GIFTS, GRANTS,
6 AND DONATIONS MUST FUND THE COUNCIL'S WORK THROUGHOUT THE
7 COURSE OF THE COUNCIL'S WORK, AND GENERAL FUND MONEY SHALL NOT
8 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 3.

9 (4) THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER ENTITY PURSUANT
10 TO THIS PART 3 IS CONTINGENT ON MONEY BEING AVAILABLE TO
11 IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3. IF MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNCIL
12 OR ANY OTHER ENTITY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES REQUIRED BY THIS PART
13 3, THE COUNCIL OR ENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES.
14 A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY OR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MUST
15 PROVIDE THAT THE CONTRACT IS CONTINGENT ON FUNDS BEING
16 AVAILABLE FOR THE SPECIFIED PURPOSE AND THE FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE
17 FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT.

18 (5)(a) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF ELEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY
19 THE DESIGNATED APPOINTING OFFICIALS AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF
21 THE COUNCIL:

22 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
23 COMPANY IN THE NUCLEAR OR CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR;

24 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A COAL
25 TRANSITION COMMUNITY OR RURAL AREA OF THE STATE; AND

26 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST OR ENGINEER
27 FROM A FEDERAL LABORATORY; AND

28 (II) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
29 SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE
30 MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL EACH
31 APPOINT:

32 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE
33 COMPANY IN THE NUCLEAR OR CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR; AND

34 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LABOR
35 ORGANIZATION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SMALL OR MID-SIZED NUCLEAR
36 SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY EXPERT, OR A
37 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROFESSIONAL.

38 (b) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL MUST NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL OR
39 OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT WOULD PREVENT THE MEMBER FROM
40 IMPARTIALLY REVIEWING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM
41 OR THAT WOULD OTHERWISE GIVE RISE TO AN APPEARANCE OF
42 IMPROPRIETY. A MEMBER MUST NOT HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION
43 WITH AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

1 (c) THE APPOINTING OFFICIALS SHALL MAKE THE INITIAL
2 APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE
3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION BUT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2026.

4 (d) THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE
5 TERM OF EACH MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED IS TWO YEARS.

6 **23-41-303. Colorado nuclear workforce development and**
7 **education council - meetings - duties - authority to contract.**

8 (1)(a) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE COUNCIL'S
9 MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS, AS
10 DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL.

11 (b) THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST
12 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL NO LATER THAN FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER THE
13 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL
14 MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY. THE CHAIR MAY CALL ADDITIONAL MEETINGS
15 AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

16 (2) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
17 BUT ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND
18 NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBERS'
19 DUTIES ON THE COUNCIL.

20 (3) WITH STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM A
21 THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, THE COUNCIL SHALL:

22 (a) CONVENE, AT A FREQUENCY TO BE DETERMINED BY THE
23 COUNCIL, ADVISORY SESSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE NUCLEAR,
24 EDUCATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTORS TO ASSESS AND
25 ADOPT STRATEGIES TO RESPOND TO EVOLVING WORKFORCE DEMANDS AND
26 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR; AND

27 (b) IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

28 (I) REVIEWING AND APPROVING GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND
29 PROCEDURES TO ENSURE GRANTS ARE AWARDED THROUGH AN OPEN,
30 COMPETITIVE PROCESS USING NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES;

31 (II) REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FROM ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS;

32 (III) SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS AND DETERMINING GRANT
33 AWARD AMOUNTS;

34 (IV) PROVIDING ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;
35 AND

36 (V) EVALUATING THE GRANT PROGRAM.

37 (4) THE COUNCIL MAY PROMOTE NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION
38 AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AMONG ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS TO ENHANCE
39 THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS' ABILITY TO ATTRACT FEDERAL AND PRIVATE
40 SECTOR FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND
41 RELATED RESEARCH.

42 (5) THE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
43 AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3.

1 (6) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE
2 THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES TO PROVIDE STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL
3 ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL OR TO HELP IMPLEMENT OTHER PROVISIONS
4 OF THIS PART 3.

5 (7) THE COUNCIL MUST USE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS TO
6 DESIGNATE AND CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY FOR THE
7 PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3. A DESIGNATED THIRD-PARTY ENTITY MAY
8 PROVIDE IN-KIND STAFF SUPPORT OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST
9 THE COUNCIL IN PERFORMING THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES AND
10 RESPONSIBILITIES. THIRD-PARTY ENTITY PERSONNEL ARE NOT EMPLOYEES
11 OF THE COUNCIL OR THE STATE.

12 (8) THE COUNCIL MAY USE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE MONEY IN
13 THE CASH FUND TO PAY DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

14 **23-41-304. Colorado nuclear workforce development and**
15 **education grant program - created - application - criteria - awards.**

16 (1) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
17 EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF
18 MINES TO MEET GROWING WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY
19 SECTOR BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE
20 DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS,
21 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, OR MODULAR TRAINING.

22 (2) PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-307, THE COUNCIL SHALL BEGIN
23 AWARDING GRANTS ONLY AFTER THE BALANCE OF THE COLORADO
24 NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND
25 REACHES OR EXCEEDS FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE COUNCIL
26 SHALL EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDING,
27 INCLUDING FEDERAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANTS.

28 (3) GRANT RECIPIENTS MAY USE THE MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH
29 THE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN OF COURSES OR DEGREE
30 PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, OR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUSED
31 ON NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING FUSION AND FISSION; FOR PERSONNEL;
32 OR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OR FACILITY EXPENSES NECESSARY TO DEVELOP
33 OR EXPAND NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE, CERTIFICATE, TRAINING, OR
34 COURSE OFFERINGS.

35 (4) THE COUNCIL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AND IN COORDINATION
36 WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
37 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-307, SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT
38 PROGRAM AND SHALL AWARD GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 3.
39 GRANTS MUST BE PAID OUT OF THE CASH FUND.

40 (5) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION MUST SUBMIT
41 AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES AND
42 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-41-303 (5).

43 (6) (a) THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, THE
2 COUNCIL SHALL PRIORITIZE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN PROVIDE A
3 TRAINED WORKFORCE EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN ADDITION TO OTHER RELEVANT
4 FACTORS, THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WHEN
5 AWARDING GRANTS:

6 (I) THE DISTRIBUTION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS,
7 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND MODULAR TRAINING
8 OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED ACROSS THE STATE, INCLUDING PROGRAMS,
9 COURSES, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR FUSION
10 AND FISSION;

11 (II) THE NEED FOR A NUCLEAR ENERGY WORKFORCE IN THE
12 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY OR REGION OF THE STATE; AND

13 (III) THE PROJECTED STUDENT INTEREST IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY
14 DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND
15 MODULAR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT COMPETING INSTITUTIONS.

16 (b) TO AWARD A GRANT, AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS
17 OF THE COUNCIL SHALL APPROVE THE GRANT.

18 **23-41-305. Reporting requirements.** (1) ON OR BEFORE THE
19 FIRST NOVEMBER 1 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AND ON
20 OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL THE REPEAL OF
21 THIS PART 3, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE
23 OF REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE
24 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE EDUCATION
25 COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. AT A MINIMUM, THE
26 REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

27 (a) A SUMMARY OF THE GRANT PROGRAM AND ITS
28 IMPLEMENTATION AND ANY RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
29 TO GRANT RECIPIENTS; AND

30 (b) AN ACCOUNTING OF THE SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF MONEY
31 CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND AND HOW CASH FUND MONEY WAS USED
32 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3, INCLUDING GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS TO
33 EXPAND OR SUPPORT NUCLEAR ENERGY DEGREE PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE
34 PROGRAMS, INDIVIDUAL COURSES, AND MODULAR TRAINING
35 OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO MEET GROWING WORKFORCE DEMAND IN THE
36 NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR.

37 **23-41-306. Colorado nuclear workforce development and**
38 **education cash fund - created.** (1) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR
39 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION CASH FUND IS CREATED IN
40 THE STATE TREASURY. THE CASH FUND CONSISTS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
41 DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE CASH FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)
42 OF THIS SECTION.

43 (2) THE COUNCIL MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,

1 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF
2 THIS PART 3. THE COUNCIL SHALL TRANSMIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED
3 THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
4 SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE CASH FUND.

5 (3) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
6 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
7 CASH FUND TO THE CASH FUND.

8 (4) MONEY IN THE CASH FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED
9 TO THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FOR THE COLORADO NUCLEAR
10 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT THIS
11 PART 3.

12 (5) THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF IN-KIND SERVICES
13 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3, INCLUDING FOR TECHNICAL
14 ASSISTANCE.

15 (6) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT APPROPRIATE GENERAL
16 FUND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3.

17 **23-41-307. Effective date - repeal of part - review of functions.**

18 (1) SECTIONS 23-41-303, 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 TAKE EFFECT IF THE
19 COUNCIL RECEIVES AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF
20 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3. THE
21 PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES SHALL NOTIFY THE
22 REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION
23 SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) HAS OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE
24 NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV. SECTIONS 23-41-303,
25 23-41-304, AND 23-41-305 TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN
26 THE NOTICE THAT THE COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED
27 THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES
28 OF THIS PART 3 OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON
29 THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

30 (2) THIS PART 3 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2032.
31 BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS PART 3 IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
32 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

33 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
34 (33)(a)(X) as follows:

35 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
36 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
37 **declaration - repeal.** (33) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
38 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2032:

39 (X) THE COLORADO NUCLEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
40 EDUCATION COUNCIL CREATED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 41 OF TITLE 23.

41 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
42 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
43 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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