

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 20, 2025
Date

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

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

SB25-181 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(16)(a)(V)" and substitute
2 "(16)(a)(V); and **add** (21)(a)(II)".

3 Page 2, after line 9 insert:
4 "(21) (a) The following statutory authorizations for designated
5 advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2030:
6 (II) THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN
7 SECTION 8-83-503 (6)."

8 Page 2, line 10, strike "**repeal**" and substitute "**amend** (3)(a), (4)
9 introductory portion, (6)(a), (6)(c) introductory portion, (6)(d)
10 introductory portion, (6)(e)(III)(A), and".

11 Page 2, line 11, strike "(6)(i)" and substitute "(6)(i); **repeal** (6)(b); and
12 **add** (3)(a.5) and (6)(e.5)".

13 Page 2, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute "(3) It is the purpose of
14 the office to:

15 (a) Identify or estimate, to the extent practicable, the timing and
16 location of facility closures and job layoffs in coal-related industries and
17 their impact on affected workers, businesses, and coal transition
18 communities and ~~make recommendations to the just transition advisory~~
19 ~~committee, as part of its work outlined in subsection (6) of this section,~~
20 ~~as to how the office can most effectively respond to these economic~~
21 ~~dislocations~~ REGULARLY CONSULT WITH THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY
22 COMMITTEE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION ON ISSUES
23 RELATED TO ADDRESSING THESE IMPACTS IN A MANNER THAT BEST
24 ENSURES CONTINUED ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR

1 IMPACTED WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES DURING AND AFTER THE
2 TRANSITION AWAY FROM COAL AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER;

3 (a.5) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS TO MAXIMIZE THE
4 ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF COAL WORKERS AND
5 COMMUNITIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN OR
6 CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 5, GIVING STRONG CONSIDERATION TO
7 STRATEGIES RECOMMENDED BY THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY
8 COMMITTEE;

9 (4) ~~Based on the draft just transition plan recommended by~~
10 PRIMARILY ON THE ADVICE OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM the JUST
11 TRANSITION advisory committee, ~~pursuant to subsection (6) of this~~
12 ~~section~~, and with the approval of the executive director of the department
13 and the executive director of the department of local affairs, on or before
14 December 31, 2020, the director shall submit to the governor and the
15 general assembly a just transition plan for Colorado. THE DIRECTOR
16 SHALL SUBMIT UPDATES TO THE PLAN AS NEEDED. This plan, AND ANY
17 UPDATES TO THE PLAN, must include, at a minimum:

18 (6) (a) There is ~~hereby~~ created the just transition advisory
19 committee to develop and recommend a just transition plan for the state
20 of Colorado AND TO ADVISE THE OFFICE OF JUST TRANSITION CONCERNING
21 THE OFFICE'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART 5.

22 (b) ~~On or before July 1, 2020, the advisory committee shall~~
23 ~~present a draft just transition plan to the executive director of the~~
24 ~~department and the executive director of the department of local affairs.~~

25 (c) ~~In developing the draft just transition plan~~ ADVISING AND
26 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF JUST TRANSITION, the
27 advisory committee shall consider options to:

28 (d) ~~In developing the draft just transition plan~~ THE ADVISORY
29 COMMITTEE'S ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS, the advisory committee
30 shall identify and consider:

31 (e) The advisory committee consists of the following members:

32 (III) The following members appointed by the director:

33 (A) ~~Three~~ FIVE representatives of coal transition workers, AT
34 LEAST ONE OF WHOM MUST WORK AT A COAL MINE AND AT LEAST ONE OF
35 WHOM MUST WORK AT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY;

36 (e.5) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMPOSITION OF
37 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6)(e) OF THIS
38 SECTION IS AS GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING
39 MEMBERS FROM EACH TIER ONE TRANSITION COMMUNITY.

40 (i) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective September 1, 2025
41 2030. Before the repeal, this subsection (6) is scheduled for review in
42 accordance with section 2-3-1203."

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