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STATE OF COLORADO

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SENATE BILL 18-226

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Lundberg and Cooke,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees

Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON COLORADO'S INVOLVEMENT IN A  
102 STATE-LEVEL CLIMATE COLLABORATION THAT ATTEMPTS TO  
103 REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill prohibits the governor from involving Colorado in any state-level climate collaboration that attempts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions or to otherwise promote the goals of the Paris Agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-20-111, **add** (4)  
3 as follows:

4           **24-20-111. Climate change - position - report - prohibition -**  
5 **definition.** (4) (a) THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOT ENTER COLORADO INTO OR  
6 INVOLVE COLORADO WITH A STATE-LEVEL CLIMATE COLLABORATION. IF,  
7 AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), THE GOVERNOR HAS  
8 ALREADY ENTERED COLORADO INTO OR INVOLVED COLORADO WITH A  
9 STATE-LEVEL CLIMATE COLLABORATION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
10 WITHDRAW COLORADO FROM AND CEASE ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
11 ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE-LEVEL CLIMATE  
12 COLLABORATION.

13           (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), "STATE-LEVEL  
14 CLIMATE COLLABORATION":

15           (I) MEANS AN ORGANIZATION OR ALLIANCE OF STATES THAT  
16 ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS OR TO OTHERWISE  
17 PROMOTE THE GOALS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WITHIN THE UNITED  
18 NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE DEALING WITH  
19 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MITIGATION, ADAPTATION, AND FINANCE;  
20 AND

21           (II) INCLUDES THE UNITED STATES CLIMATE ALLIANCE, WESTERN  
22 CLIMATE INITIATIVE, INC., REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, AND  
23 ANY ANALOGOUS OR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION OR ALLIANCE.

24           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.