



TO: Bill Sponsors and the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee

FROM: The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES)

DATE: April 25, 2022

REGARDING: HB22-1282 The Innovative Housing Incentive Program

Dear Bill Sponsors and Members of the Colorado Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee:

CRES would like to thank the sponsors of HB22-1282, "The Innovative Housing Incentive Program," for their efforts to provide affordable, energy-efficient housing. Affordable housing is sorely needed in Colorado, as it is in the rest of the country. As we seek to fill this gap, it's important that we do so in a way that addresses the climate change crisis. The warming climate has led to increasing Colorado wildfires that have set records for both size and destruction. The emphasis on manufactured housing in this bill is consistent with a current thrust at DOE and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and it places a high value on energy efficiency and carbon emissions reductions.

CRES strongly supports this bill, but we would like to make the following recommendations for improvement:

- 1) Provide additional incentives for all-electric, rooftop PV, and wiring for EV charging. Thanks to other Colorado legislation, Xcel Energy is on a path to rapidly decarbonize Colorado's electric grid with the deployment of more solar and wind energy. All-electric buildings take advantage of this and eliminate site emissions of both greenhouse gases and air pollutants. Electrification is especially cost-effective in new construction, as the cost of gas infrastructure is completely avoided. Factory-built homes offer the advantage of lowering the cost of integrating solar photovoltaic panels into the rooftop. And providing the wiring for PV charging will allow homeowners to benefit from the very low operating and maintenance costs of electric vehicles.
- 2) Require the annual report to the assembly to include an evaluation of the success of the program, with input from expert external reviewers, in terms of the program's impact on lowering housing costs and increasing housing availability. The report should include recommendations for how the program can be improved. This will allow for continuous improvement of the program as it evolves.

CRES would like to thank the sponsors of the bill for their commitment to advancing Colorado's climate and equity objectives.

Sincerely,

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<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Jo Feder  For  League of Women Voters of Colorado, Legislative Action Committee	<p>To the Members of the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. Thank you for your time to read my testimony in support of HB22-1282. My name is Jo Feder and I am testifying as a member of the the League of Women Voters Legislative Action CommitteeVoters.</p> <p>The League believes it is important that basic human needs are met. Providing housing is important in meeting these needs. Colorado is experiencing a lack of affordable housing at all critical levels. Creating the Innovative Housing Incentive Program Fund within the Office of Economic Development with the transfer of funds allows a business located in Colorado that manufactures certain types of housing to apply for funding through the program. Funding may be awarded through loans for the purpose of funding a manufacturing factory.</p>