

Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate
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March 20, 2019

Dear Senators Winter, Pettersen, Donovan, Foote, Hisey, Priola, and Scott -

The Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate (CCLC) supports the goals of SB19-096: Collect Long-term Climate Change Data. The CCLC is comprised of 26 organizations and develops and advocates strategies for reducing Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions to levels supportive of a livable climate.

Specifically, we support the requirements that the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) shall a) collect and report on Colorado's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually and b) shall develop proposed rules to implement measures allowing the state to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

We urge you to consider the following amendments to improve SB19-096 during the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee hearing scheduled on Thursday, March 21st.

1. Modify the requirement in section 1(2)(b) as follows:
 - a. Require the AQCC to lead an effort to develop rules to implement measure that would most cost-effectively allow the state to meet its GHG emissions reduction goals, that would include input from Colorado labor, environmental, scientific, indigenous, religious, health care, and business organizations. This rule-making effort is too important to leave solely in the hands of a single state commission.
 - b. Require the AQCC to publish the notice of proposed rules no later than February 1, 2020, so that the legislative and executive branches may consider those rules for approval during the 2020 legislative session. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change told us last October that we must act quickly to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We shouldn't wait another two years to begin taking steps to meet goals that were established in 2017.
2. Reiterate the requirement established by Executive Order D 004- 08 that the AQCC shall release a report on Colorado's GHG emissions in 2019, and not wait until December 30, 2020 as stated in section 1(3)(b)(III) to release the next report.

Sincerely,

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