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Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 16-0710.01 Duane Gall x4335

**HOUSE BILL 16-1376**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Esgar and Winter**, Becker K., Danielson, Fields, Garnett, Hullinghorst, Kagan, Lebsack, Lontine, McCann, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Pettersen, Primavera, Ryden, Salazar, Tyler

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None)**,

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**House Committees**

Transportation & Energy

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING INCREASING THE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF**  
102       **CONSUMER COUNSEL TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF CONSUMERS**  
103       **OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES.**

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Currently, the office of consumer counsel (OCC) is authorized to intervene on behalf of customers of electric utilities and gas utilities in proceedings before the Colorado public utilities commission. The bill grants the OCC authority to speak for customers of providers of telecommunications, water, taxi and bus service, and all other services

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

defined as public utilities under the "Public Utilities Law".

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-6.5-101, **amend**  
3           (3) as follows:

4           **40-6.5-101. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
5           otherwise requires:

6           (3) "Public utility" ~~means an electric utility or gas utility~~ HAS THE  
7           MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 40-1-103.

8           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9           takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10           ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
11           10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
12           referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
13           state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
14           within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
15           unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16           November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17           official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.