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

SB21-103 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend reengrossed bill, page 15, after line 4 insert:

"SECTION 14. Appropriation. (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, $453,941 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies. This appropriation is from the fixed utility fund created in section 40-2-114 (1)(b)(II), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) $265,311 for use by the office of the utility consumer advocate for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 3.2 FTE;
(b) $29,120 for use by the office of the utility consumer advocate for operating expenses; and
(c) $159,510 for the purchase of legal services.

(2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, $159,510 is appropriated to the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of regulatory agencies under subsection (1)(c) of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will require an additional 0.8 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the department of regulatory agencies."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 1, line 106, strike "BOARD." and substitute "BOARD, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.".

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