

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 20, 2025
Date

Committee on Energy & Environment.

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

HB25-1096 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 5, strike lines 8 through 12 and substitute
- 2 "INSTALLATIONS THAT:".

- 3 Page 5, line 18, strike "(III)" and substitute "(II)".

- 4 Page 5, line 26, strike "ON".

- 5 Page 5, line 27, strike "AN EXISTING RESIDENCE".

- 6 Page 6, after line 1 insert:

- 7 "(II) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF
- 8 THIS SECTION, COUNTY STAFF MAY CONDUCT A MANUAL REVIEW OF A
- 9 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION APPLICATION THAT REQUIRES
- 10 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION."

- 11 Page 6, line 2, strike "(II)" and substitute "(III)".

- 12 Page 6, strike lines 6 through 9.

- 13 Page 6, line 10, strike "(d)" and substitute "(c)".

- 14 Page 7, line 5, after "MUST" insert "BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BY
- 15 APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR AND MUST".

- 16 Page 7, line 9, strike "PLATFORM;" and substitute "PLATFORM FROM THE
- 17 PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;".

- 1 Page 7, line 11, after "COUNTY" insert "FROM THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR
- 2 YEAR".
- 3 Page 7, line 26, after "SECTION;" add "AND".
- 4 Page 8, line 1, strike "SECTION; AND" and substitute "SECTION."
- 5 Page 8, strike lines 2 through 4.
- 6 Page 10, strike lines 13 through 17 and substitute "PANEL INSTALLATIONS
- 7 THAT:".
- 8 Page 10, line 23, strike "(III)" and substitute "(II)".
- 9 Page 11, line 4, strike "ON".
- 10 Page 11, line 5, strike "AN EXISTING RESIDENCE".
- 11 Page 11, after line 6 insert:

12 "(II) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF

13 THIS SECTION, MUNICIPAL STAFF MAY CONDUCT A MANUAL REVIEW OF A

14 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION APPLICATION THAT REQUIRES

15 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION."
- 16 Page 11, line 7, strike "(II)" and insert "(III)".
- 17 Page 11, strike lines 11 through 15.
- 18 Page 11, line 16, strike "(d)" and substitute "(c)".
- 19 Page 12, line 11, after "MUST" insert "BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BY
- 20 APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR AND MUST".
- 21 Page 12, strike line 15 and substitute "PLATFORM FROM THE PREVIOUS
- 22 CALENDAR YEAR;".
- 23 Page 12, line 17, after "MUNICIPALITY" insert "FROM THE PREVIOUS
- 24 CALENDAR YEAR".
- 25 Page 13, line 5, after "SECTION;" add "AND".
- 26 Page 13, line 7, strike "SECTION; AND" and substitute "SECTION."

1 Page 13, strike lines 8 through 10.

2 Page 17, line 1, strike "ESTABLISH, BY RULE," and substitute "ESTABLISH".

3 Page 18, strike lines 14 through 27 and substitute:

4 "SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-119, amend
5 (3)(b), (3)(c), and (4) as follows:

6 **24-38.5-119. Streamlined solar permitting and inspection**
7 **grant program - creation - eligibility - fund created - gifts, grants, or**
8 **donations - reporting - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

9 (3) The grant program is created to allow an authority having
10 jurisdiction to apply to the office for a grant to help provide
11 implementation support to the authority having jurisdiction for
12 implementation of automated permitting software. In administering the
13 grant program, the office shall:

14 (b) Develop procedures to award a grant to an authority having
15 jurisdiction for expenses expected to be incurred in adopting automated
16 permitting software, including necessary expenses for staff time,
17 information technology, training, installation, third-party consulting,
18 ongoing maintenance for up to three years AFTER THE GRANTEE
19 IMPLEMENTS THE AUTOMATED PERMITTING SOFTWARE, and hardware or
20 equipment;

21 (c) Not award money to an authority having jurisdiction for
22 expected costs associated with software other than automated permitting
23 software, activities occurring before being awarded grant program money,
24 ~~or more than one hundred eighty days after receiving grant program~~
25 ~~money~~; food and beverage costs, fines, penalties, advertising, or permit
26 processing fees including fees charged by the operator of automated
27 permitting software;

28 (4) (a) The office may use up to nine percent of the money in the
29 fund to ~~cover~~ PAY FOR the direct and indirect costs that the office incurs
30 in administering the grant program.

31 (b) THE OFFICE MAY USE UP TO NINE PERCENT OF THE MONEY
32 REMAINING IN THE FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, TO PAY FOR THE
33 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE OFFICE INCURS IN ADMINISTERING
34 THE GRANT PROGRAM."

35 Page 19, strike lines 1 through 18.

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