

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 6, 2025
Date

Committee on Energy & Environment.

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

HB25-1234 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend page 3, strike lines 16 through 21.
- 2 Page 3, lines 23 and 24, strike "ensuring the uninterrupted provision of
3 essential services,".
- 4 Page 3, strike line 27.
- 5 Strike pages 4 through 7.
- 6 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 27 and substitute:
 - 7 **"SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-1-109, **add** (10)
8 as follows:
 - 9 **26-1-109. Cooperation with federal government - grants-in-aid**
10 **- low income home energy assistance program - applications.**
11 **(10) Low-income home energy assistance program.** (a) THE STATE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE THEIR
13 CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS ON ANY APPLICATION FOR
14 ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS, UNLESS THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED AS A
15 CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.
16 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT SHARE INFORMATION
17 RELATED TO THE CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF AN APPLICANT
18 FOR OR RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS WITH ANY FEDERAL LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, UNLESS DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION IS
20 REQUIRED BY LAW OR COURT ORDER.
21 (c) IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES AN INDIVIDUAL'S
22 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT OR
23 INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

1 (I) PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR
2 DAYS THAT THEIR APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT OR
3 INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION; AND

4 (II) INCLUDE, AS PART OF THE NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO
5 SUBSECTION (10)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION, A DEADLINE BY WHICH THE
6 APPLICANT MAY CORRECT OR COMPLETE THEIR APPLICATION, WHICH
7 DEADLINE MUST BE NO LESS THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE
8 APPLICANT WAS SENT THE NOTICE, BUT NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 OF THE
9 CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTED THEIR
10 APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

11 (d) (I) WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES AN INDIVIDUAL'S
12 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT OR
13 INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY
14 THE INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY OF WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS A
15 CUSTOMER THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION IS PENDING REVIEW.

16 (II) WHEN AN INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY RECEIVES THE
17 NOTICE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
18 (10)(d)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY SHALL
19 PLACE A DISCONNECTION HOLD ON THE UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDED TO THE
20 CUSTOMER, WHICH DISCONNECTION HOLD MUST BE IN EFFECT FOR NO LESS
21 THAN SIXTY DAYS OR UNTIL THE INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY
22 RECEIVES NOTICE THAT THE CUSTOMER'S APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
23 PAYMENTS HAS BEEN APPROVED.

24 (e) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS CONTEXT OTHERWISE
25 REQUIRES, "INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY" MEANS A RETAIL ELECTRIC
26 UTILITY OR RETAIL GAS UTILITY OPERATING IN THE STATE AND REGULATED
27 BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, CREATED IN SECTION 40-2-101,
28 AND DOES NOT INCLUDE A COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION OR
29 MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY."

30 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 3.

31 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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