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HOUSE BILL 16-1004

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Winter and Arndt,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE MEASURABLE GOALS THAT
102 ARE SUBJECT TO DEADLINES IN COLORADO'S CLIMATE ACTION
103 PLAN.

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/bills summaries>.)

The bill requires:

- ! The state climate action plan to include specific measurable goals, the achievement of which will either reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions or increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate

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.

change, along with associated near-term, mid-term, and long-term deadlines to achieve the goals; and
! The annual climate report to the general assembly to include an analysis of the progress made in meeting the measurable goals and deadlines specified in the plan.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-20-111, **amend**
3 (2) (a) and (3) (a) as follows:

4 **24-20-111. Climate change position created - duties - report.**

5 (2) The duties of the position created pursuant to subsection (1) of this
6 section include, at a minimum:

7 (a) Development and periodic update of a climate action plan or
8 similar document that sets forth a strategy, including specific policy
9 recommendations AND MEASURABLE GOALS, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH
10 WILL EITHER REDUCE COLORADO'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OR
11 INCREASE COLORADO'S ADAPTIVE CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO CLIMATE
12 CHANGE, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED NEAR-TERM, MID-TERM, AND
13 LONG-TERM DEADLINES TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, that the state could use
14 to address climate change and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

15 (3) (a) The governor or his or her designee shall submit an annual
16 report to the house agriculture, livestock, and natural resources
17 committee, the house transportation and energy committee, and the senate
18 agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee, or any successor
19 committees, on climate change issues generally, the current climate action
20 plan developed under this section, and the specific ways in which climate
21 change affects the state. The report:

22 (I) May address, as appropriate, the correlations between climate
23 change and wildfires, bark beetle infestation, snowpack, water storage,

1 drought, and statewide emissions of greenhouse gases; ~~The report~~ AND

2 (II) Shall include:

3 (A) Information regarding efforts to reduce emissions of gases
4 and to reform practices known to exacerbate climate change effects;

5 (B) ~~The report shall also include~~ Additional prospective proposals
6 to prepare the state for the effects of climate change and proposals to
7 further reduce the factors that contribute to climate change within
8 Colorado; AND

9 (C) AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN MEETING THE
10 MEASURABLE GOALS SPECIFIED IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING
11 WHETHER COLORADO IS ON TRACK TO MEET THE NEAR-TERM, MID-TERM,
12 AND LONG-TERM DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN THE PLAN.

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