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HOUSE BILL 16-1430

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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(None),

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House Committees  
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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
102 OIL AND GAS TASK FORCE REGARDING THE SHARING OF OIL AND  
103 GAS OPERATORS' DEVELOPMENT PLANS WITH AFFECTED LOCAL  
104 GOVERNMENTS.

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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>.)*

The Colorado oil and gas conservation commission recently promulgated several rules to implement 2 of the recommendations of the governor's oil and gas task force. The bill codifies some of the essential

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.*

elements of one of the 2 recommendations, with the following modifications: The rules require operators to share their development plans with municipalities where the proposed operations will occur; and the bill adds counties where the proposed operations will occur.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 34-60-131 as  
3 follows:

4           **34-60-131. Registration for advance planning - definitions.**

5 (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6           (a) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION.

7           (b) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A HOME RULE OR STATUTORY  
8 CITY, TOWN, TERRITORIAL CHARTER CITY, COUNTY, OR CITY AND COUNTY.

9           (c) "OIL AND GAS FACILITY" MEANS EQUIPMENT OR IMPROVEMENTS  
10 USED OR INSTALLED AT AN OIL AND GAS LOCATION FOR THE EXPLORATION,  
11 PRODUCTION, WITHDRAWAL, GATHERING, TREATMENT, OR PROCESSING OF  
12 OIL OR NATURAL GAS.

13           (d) "OIL AND GAS LOCATION" MEANS A DEFINABLE AREA WHERE AN  
14 OPERATOR HAS DISTURBED OR INTENDS TO DISTURB THE LAND SURFACE IN  
15 ORDER TO LOCATE AN OIL AND GAS FACILITY.

16           (2) **Operator registration for advance planning.** (a) EACH  
17 OPERATOR SHALL REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION AND WITH EACH LOCAL  
18 GOVERNMENT IN WHOSE JURISDICTION IT HAS AN APPROVED DRILLING  
19 UNIT, A PENDING OR APPROVED PERMIT TO DRILL, OR AN APPLICATION FOR  
20 A NEW OR AMENDED OIL AND GAS LOCATION.

21           (b) AN OPERATOR REGISTERS WITH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY:

22           (I) COMPLYING WITH THE REGISTRATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY  
23 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR

1           (II) IF A LOCAL REGISTRATION PROCESS DOES NOT EXIST, BY  
2 DELIVERING A CURRENT COPY OF ITS COMMISSION REGISTRATION AND  
3 DESIGNATION-OF-AGENT FORMS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

4           (c) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST AN OPERATOR THAT HAS  
5 REGISTERED WITH IT TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE  
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

7           (I) BASED ON AN OPERATOR'S CURRENT BUSINESS PLAN AS OF THE  
8 DATE OF THE REQUEST, A GOOD-FAITH ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF WELLS  
9 THE OPERATOR INTENDS TO DRILL IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WITHIN THE  
10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S JURISDICTION; AND

11          (II) A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION WITHIN THE LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENT'S JURISDICTION OF THE OPERATOR'S EXISTING WELL SITES  
13 AND RELATED PRODUCTION FACILITIES; SITES FOR WHICH THE OPERATOR  
14 HAS APPROVED, OR HAS SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR, DRILLING AND  
15 SPACING ORDERS; AND SITES THE OPERATOR HAS IDENTIFIED FOR  
16 DEVELOPMENT ON ITS CURRENT DRILLING SCHEDULE FOR WHICH IT HAS  
17 NOT YET SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL.

18          **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to applications for  
19 approval of an oil and gas location filed on or after the applicable  
20 effective date of this act.

21          **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.