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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO LIMIT THE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL

102 FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS USED IN PUBLIC PROJECTS, AND, IN

103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

The department of personnel and the department of transportation are each required to establish policies regarding the global warming potential for specific categories of eligible materials used to construct certain public projects.

The department of personnel is required to establish a maximum

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acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible material used in certain public projects under its purview. The bill specifies which building materials are eligible materials. The department of personnel is required to set the maximum acceptable global warming potential at the industry average of global warming potential emissions for that material and to express it as a number that states the maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible material.

Specifications for solicitations for a public project requested by the department of personnel are required to include that the global warming potential for any eligible material that will be used in the project shall not exceed the maximum acceptable global warming potential for that material determined by the department.

The department of transportation is required to develop policies to determine, track, and record greenhouse gas emissions for each category of eligible materials used in certain public projects under its purview in a manner consistent with criteria in an environmental product declaration.

The department of personnel and the department of transportation are both are required to strive to achieve continuous reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in construction materials over time for the projects under their purview.

For solicitations for certain public projects under the purview of the department of personnel or the department of transportation issued after certain dates, the contractor that is awarded the contract is required to submit a current environmental product declaration for each eligible material proposed to be used in the public project.

A contractor that is awarded a contract for a public project is prohibited from installing any eligible material on the project until the contractor submits an environmental product declaration for that material.

The department of personnel and the department of transportation are required to annually report to the general assembly regarding the implementation of the bill.

- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
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SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly

- 3 hereby finds and declares that:
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(a) Climate change will have devastating global impacts;

- (b) All scientific evidence points to the need for Colorado and the
- 6 world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to avert the worst effects of
- 7 climate change. Climate change impacts are already apparent in Colorado,

where scientists have determined that annual temperature increases and
 a long-term drought are consequences of human-induced climate change.

3 (c) The general assembly has committed to reduce greenhouse 4 gases through numerous statutes requiring regulatory and other action by 5 public agencies. Those regulations and actions do not currently encourage 6 public dollars for infrastructure projects to be spent in a way that is 7 consistent with the state's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

8 (d) Several executive orders in Colorado have highlighted the 9 importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the state, supporting 10 the state's clean energy transition, maintaining progress on clean vehicles, 11 and supporting a transition to zero emission vehicles;

12 (e) Great quantities of emissions are released during the
13 manufacture and transport of products used in public construction
14 projects;

(f) Colorado, through its extensive purchasing power, can improve
environmental outcomes and accelerate necessary greenhouse gas
reductions to protect public health, the environment, and conserve a
livable climate by incorporating emissions information from throughout
the supply chain and product life cycle into procurement decisions, and
using that information to help direct expenditure;

(g) Incorporating emissions information will acknowledge those
 companies that have invested in emissions reduction technologies and
 practices and will encourage other companies to take action to reduce
 emissions to become more competitive in the Colorado bidding process;
 and

(h) For measuring greenhouse gas emissions, the properties ofcement, concrete mixtures, asphalt, and asphalt mixtures must not be

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1 double counted.

(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that there is
great potential for Colorado to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in public
construction projects without imposing an additional cost on those
projects.

6 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-92-116 and
7 24-92-117 as follows:

8 24-92-116. Maximum global warming potential for materials
9 used in eligible projects - buildings - projects that are not roads,
10 highways, or bridges - environmental product declaration - short title
11 - report - definitions. (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION AND
12 SECTION 24-92-117 IS THE "BUY CLEAN COLORADO ACT".

13 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
14 REQUIRES:

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16 (a) "ELIGIBLE MATERIAL" MEANS MATERIALS USED IN THE
17 CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PROJECT, INCLUDING:

- (I) ASPHALT AND ASPHALT MIXTURES;;
- (II) CEMENT AND CONCRETE MIXTURES;
- 21 (III) GLASS;
- 22 (IV) POST-TENSION STEEL;
- 23 (V) REINFORCING STEEL;
- 24 (VI) STRUCTURAL STEEL; AND
- 25 (VII) WOOD STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS.
- 26 (b) "ELIGIBLE PROJECT" MEANS A PUBLIC PROJECT AS DEFINED IN
- 27 SECTION 24-92-102, FOR WHICH AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT ISSUES A

SOLICITATION ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024; EXCEPT THAT "ELIGIBLE
 PROJECT" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE
 UPKEEP OF A PUBLIC PROJECT OR ANY ROAD, HIGHWAY, OR BRIDGE
 PROJECT.

5 (c) "GREENHOUSE GAS" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
6 SECTION 25-7-140 (6).

7 (d) "OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT" MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE
8 STATE ARCHITECT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.

9 (3) (a) By JANUARY 1, 2024, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT 10 SHALL ESTABLISH BY POLICY A MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING 11 POTENTIAL FOR EACH CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS USED IN AN 12 ELIGIBLE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

13 THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL BASE THE (I) 14 MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL ON THE INDUSTRY 15 AVERAGE OF GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL EMISSIONS FOR THAT 16 MATERIAL. THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL DETERMINE THE 17 INDUSTRY AVERAGE BY CONSULTING NATIONALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY 18 RECOGNIZED DATABASES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATIONS 19 AND MAY INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED EMISSIONS AS PART OF THE 20 GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL EMISSIONS.

(II) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL EXPRESS THE
MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL AS A NUMBER THAT
STATES THE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR
EACH CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS. THE GLOBAL WARMING
POTENTIAL SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
CRITERIA IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION. THE OFFICE OF
THE STATE ARCHITECT MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL SUBCATEGORIES

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WITHIN EACH ELIGIBLE MATERIAL WITH DISTINCT MAXIMUM GLOBAL
 WARMING POTENTIAL LIMITS. THE POLICY MAY PERMIT MAXIMUM
 ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR EACH MATERIAL
 CATEGORY IN THE AGGREGATE.

5 (b) IN ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING
6 POTENTIAL FOR EACH CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS USED IN AN
7 ELIGIBLE PROJECT, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT MAY CONSULT
8 WITH ANY OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION OF STATE
9 GOVERNMENT.

10 (c) BY JANUARY 1, 2026, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER,
11 THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL REVIEW THE MAXIMUM
12 ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR EACH CATEGORY OF
13 ELIGIBLE MATERIALS AND MAY ADJUST THE NUMBER FOR ANY ELIGIBLE
14 MATERIAL TO REFLECT INDUSTRY CONDITIONS. THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
15 ARCHITECT SHALL NOT ADJUST THE NUMBER UPWARD FOR ANY ELIGIBLE
16 MATERIAL.

17 (4) (a) (I) FOR ANY SOLICITATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE 18 DESIGN OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT, AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT SHALL 19 REQUIRE THE DESIGNER WHO IS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO INCLUDE, IN 20 PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS WHEN FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE 21 RELEASED, A CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION, TYPE 22 III, AS DEFINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR 23 STANDARDIZATION STANDARD 14025:2006, OR SIMILARLY ROBUST LIFE 24 CYCLE ASSESSMENT METHODS THAT HAVE UNIFORM STANDARDS IN DATA 25 COLLECTION, AS SET BY POLICY BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT 26 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE MATERIAL PROPOSED TO BE USED IN THE ELIGIBLE 27 PROJECT THAT MEET THE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING

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1 POTENTIAL FOR EACH CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS.

(II) IF A PRODUCT THAT MEETS THE MAXIMUM GLOBAL WARMING
POTENTIAL FOR A CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS IS NOT PRICED, NOT
REASONABLY PRICED, OR IS NOT AVAILABLE ON A REASONABLE BASIS AT
THE TIME OF DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
ARCHITECT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT
PRODUCT.

8 (b) FOR ANY SOLICITATION FOR A CONTRACT FOR AN ELIGIBLE 9 PROJECT, AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT SHALL SPECIFY THE ELIGIBLE 10 MATERIALS THAT WILL BE USED IN THE PROJECT AND REASONABLE 11 MINIMUM USAGE THRESHOLDS BELOW WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS 12 SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY. AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT MAY INCLUDE 13 IN A SPECIFICATION FOR SOLICITATIONS FOR AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT A 14 GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR ANY ELIGIBLE MATERIAL THAT IS 15 LOWER THAN THE MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL 16 FOR THAT MATERIAL AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF 17 THIS SECTION.

18 (c) A CONTRACTOR THAT IS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR AN 19 ELIGIBLE PROJECT SHALL NOT INSTALL ANY ELIGIBLE MATERIALS ON THE 20 PROJECT UNTIL THE CONTRACTOR SUBMITS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT 21 DECLARATION FOR THAT MATERIAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF 22 THIS SECTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION SHALL BE 23 DEEMED APPROVED IF IT COMPLIES WITH THE ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION. IF 24 AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR AN 25 ELIGIBLE MATERIAL, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE AGENCY OF 26 GOVERNMENT AND INSTALL THE ELIGIBLE MATERIAL AS ORIGINALLY 27 SPECIFIED. IF A PRODUCT MEETING THE MAXIMUM GLOBAL WARMING

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POTENTIAL FOR A CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS IS NOT PRICED, NOT
 REASONABLY PRICED, OR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR ON A
 REASONABLE BASIS, THE AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT MAY WAIVE THE
 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT PRODUCT. THE AGENCY OF
 GOVERNMENT SHALL REPORT WAIVERS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
 ARCHITECT.

7 (5) IN ADMINISTERING THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
8 ARCHITECT SHALL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE A CONTINUOUS REDUCTION OF
9 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OVER TIME. REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE
10 GAS EMISSIONS ACHIEVED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CREDITED
11 UNDER THE PROCESS CREATED IN SECTION 25-7-105 (1)(e).

12 (6) BEGINNING IN 2026, AND IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
13 OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

15 (a) FOR THE REPORT PREPARED IN 2026 ONLY, A DESCRIPTION OF
16 THE METHOD THAT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT USED TO
17 DEVELOP THE MAXIMUM GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL FOR EACH
18 CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS;

19 (b) WHAT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT HAS LEARNED
20 ABOUT HOW TO IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDING
21 MATERIALS, INCLUDING LIFE CYCLE COSTS; AND

(c) ANY OBSTACLES THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT AS WELL
 AS BIDDING CONTRACTORS HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN IDENTIFYING AND
 QUANTIFYING EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDING MATERIALS.

25 24-92-117. Maximum global warming potential for materials
 26 used in public projects - road - highway - bridge projects 27 environmental product declaration - short title - report - definitions.

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(1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 24-92-116 IS THE
 "BUY CLEAN COLORADO ACT".

3 (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 REQUIRES:

5 (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION.

7 (b) "ELIGIBLE MATERIAL" MEANS MATERIALS USED IN THE 8 CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

9 (I) ASPHALT AND ASPHALT MIXTURES;

- 10 (II) CEMENT AND CONCRETE MIXTURES; AND
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12 (III) STEEL.

13 (c) "GREENHOUSE GAS" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
14 SECTION 25-7-140 (6).

15 (d) "PUBLIC PROJECT" MEANS ALL PUBLICLY BID CONSTRUCTION
16 PROJECTS, PROJECTS FROM WITHIN THE ASSET MANAGEMENT, OR OTHER
17 PROJECTS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

18 (3) (a) By JANUARY 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH
19 A POLICY TO DETERMINE AND RECORD GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM
20 ELIGIBLE MATERIALS USED IN A PUBLIC PROJECT WITH THE GOAL OF
21 REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
22 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE NATIONALLY OR
 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DATABASES OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 PRODUCT DECLARATIONS AND MAY INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED
 EMISSIONS AS PART OF THE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL EMISSIONS; AND
 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A TRACKING AND

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REPORTING PROCESS IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH CRITERIA IN
 AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
 ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL SUBCATEGORIES WITHIN EACH ELIGIBLE MATERIAL
 WITH DISTINCT MAXIMUM GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL LIMITS.

5 (b) IN ESTABLISHING THE POLICY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE
6 DEPARTMENT MAY CONSULT WITH ANY OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENT OR
7 DIVISION OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

8 (c) By January 1, 2027, and every four years thereafter, 9 The department of transportation shall review the policy 10 Created pursuant to this section and may adjust the policy to 11 Reflect industry conditions. The department shall not adjust 12 The policy for any eligible material to be less stringent.

13 (4) (a) FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC 14 PROJECTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL 15 REQUIRE THE CONTRACTOR WHO IS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO SUBMIT 16 A CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION, TYPE III, AS 17 DEFINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION 18 STANDARD 14025:2006, OR SIMILARLY ROBUST LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT 19 METHODS THAT HAVE UNIFORM STANDARDS IN DATA COLLECTION, FOR 20 EACH ELIGIBLE MATERIAL PROPOSED TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC PROJECT.

(b) FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC
PROJECTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
REQUIRE THE CONTRACTOR WHO IS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO SUBMIT
A CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION, TYPE III, AS
DEFINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION
STANDARD 14025:2006, OR SIMILARLY ROBUST LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT
METHODS THAT HAVE UNIFORM STANDARDS IN DATA COLLECTION, AS SET

BY POLICY BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH ELIGIBLE MATERIAL PROPOSED
 TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC PROJECT.

3 (c) FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CONTRACTS FOR PUBLICLY BID
4 PUBLIC PROJECTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 TRANSPORTATION SHALL SPECIFY THE ELIGIBLE MATERIALS THAT WILL BE
6 USED IN THE PROJECT BASED ON THE POLICY AND REASONABLE MINIMUM
7 USAGE THRESHOLDS BELOW WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION
8 SHALL NOT APPLY.

9 (d) A CONTRACTOR THAT IS AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR A PUBLIC 10 PROJECT SHALL NOT INSTALL ANY ELIGIBLE MATERIALS ON THE PROJECT 11 UNTIL THE CONTRACTOR SUBMITS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT 12 DECLARATION FOR THAT MATERIAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF 13 THIS SECTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION SHALL BE 14 DEEMED APPROVED IF IT COMPLIES WITH THE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE 15 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IF AN ENVIRONMENTAL 16 PRODUCT DECLARATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR AN ELIGIBLE MATERIAL, 17 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND INSTALL THE 18 ELIGIBLE MATERIAL AS ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED. IF A PRODUCT MEETING THE 19 POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR A CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS IS NOT 20 PRICED, NOT REASONABLY PRICED, OR IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE 21 CONTRACTOR ON A REASONABLE BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE 22 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT PRODUCT.

(5) IN ADMINISTERING THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
STRIVE TO ACHIEVE A CONTINUOUS REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS OVER TIME. REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
ACHIEVED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CREDITED UNDER THE PROCESS
CREATED IN SECTION 25-7-105 (1)(e).

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(6) BEGINNING IN 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY
 PRESENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION
 LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE:

4 (a) FOR THE PRESENTATION IN 2026 ONLY, A DESCRIPTION OF THE
5 METHOD THAT THE DEPARTMENT USED TO DEVELOP THE POLICY
6 REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE MATERIALS;

7 (b) WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED ABOUT HOW TO
8 IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDING MATERIALS,
9 INCLUDING LIFE CYCLE COSTS; AND

10 (c) ANY OBSTACLES THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS BIDDING
11 CONTRACTORS HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN IDENTIFYING AND QUANTIFYING
12 EMBODIED CARBON IN BUILDING MATERIALS.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,
\$75,342 is appropriated to the department of personnel for use by the
executive director's office. This appropriation is from the general fund
and is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional
0.9 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for
the office of the state architect.

19 **SECTION 4.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except 22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this 24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take 25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 26 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.