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**SENATE BILL 23-016**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROMOTE REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE**  
102                    **GAS EMISSIONS IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103                    **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill requires that, beginning in 2024, each insurance company issued a certificate of authority to transact insurance business that reports more than \$100 million on its annual schedule T filing with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) must participate in and complete the NAIC's "Insurer Climate Risk

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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Disclosure Survey" or successor survey or reporting mechanism.

**Section 2** requires the public employees' retirement association (PERA) board, on or before June 1, 2024, to adopt proxy voting procedures that ensure that the board's voting decisions align with, and are supportive of, the statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals.

**Section 3** requires PERA to include as part of its annual investment stewardship report, which report is posted on the PERA board's website, a description of climate-related investment risks, impacts, and strategies.

**Section 4** adds wastewater thermal energy equipment to the definition of "pollution control equipment", which equipment may be certified by the division of administration (division) in the department of public health and environment (CDPHE). Similarly, **section 5** adds wastewater thermal energy to the definition of "clean heat resource", which resource a gas distribution utility includes in its clean heat plan filed with the public utilities commission.

**Section 6** updates the statewide GHG emission reduction goals to add a 65% reduction goal for 2035, an 80% reduction goal for 2040, and a 90% reduction goal for 2045 when compared to 2005 GHG pollution levels. **Section 6** also increases the 2050 GHG emission reduction goal from 90% of 2005 GHG pollution levels to 100%.

**Section 7** gives the oil and gas conservation commission (COGCC) authority over class VI injection wells used for sequestration of GHG if the governor and COGCC determine, in accordance with a study that the COGCC conducted in 2021, that the state has sufficient resources to ensure the safe and effective regulation of the sequestration of GHG. If the governor and the COGCC determine there are sufficient resources, the COGCC may seek primacy under the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act" and, when granted, may issue and enforce permits for class VI injection wells. The COGCC shall require, as part of its regulation of class VI injection wells, that operators of the wells maintain adequate financial assurance until the COGCC approves the closure of a class VI injection well site.

**Section 8** establishes a state income tax credit in an amount equal to 30% of the purchase price for new, electric-powered lawn equipment for purchases made in income tax years 2024 through 2026. A seller of new, electric-powered lawn equipment that demonstrates that it provided a purchaser a 30% discount from the purchase price of new, electric-powered lawn equipment may claim the tax credit.

Current law requires an electric retail utility (utility) to offer a net metering credit as the means of purchasing output from a community solar garden (CSG) located within the utility's service territory and establishes the means of calculating the net metering credit. **Section 9** maintains that calculation if the CSG indicates to the utility that the CSG's

subscribers' bill credits change annually. If the CSG indicates to the utility that the CSG's subscribers' bill credits remain fixed, however, **section 9** provides a different calculation for determining the net metering credit.

**Sections 10 through 12** incorporate projects to renovate or recondition existing utility transmission lines into the "Colorado Electric Transmission Authority Act", allowing the Colorado electric transmission authority to finance and renovate, rebuild, or recondition existing transmission lines in order to update and optimize the transmission lines.

**Section 13** requires a local government to expedite its review of a land use application that proposes a project to renovate, rebuild, or recondition existing transmission lines.

**Section 14** makes a conforming amendment regarding the updated statewide GHG emission reduction goals set forth in **section 6**.

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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** 10-3-244 as  
3 follows:

4 **10-3-244. Climate risk disclosure - insurer participation - rules**  
5 **- reporting - definition.** (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT RULES  
6 REQUIRING THAT, BEGINNING IN 2024, AN INSURER ISSUED A CERTIFICATE  
7 OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF THIS  
8 ARTICLE 3 THAT REPORTS MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ON  
9 ITS ANNUAL NAIC SCHEDULE T FILING, OR SUCH OTHER THRESHOLD  
10 DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT THE NAIC ESTABLISHES IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS,  
11 MUST PARTICIPATE IN AND COMPLETE THE NAIC'S ANNUAL "INSURER  
12 CLIMATE RISK DISCLOSURE SURVEY", OR SUCH OTHER SURVEY OR  
13 REPORTING MECHANISM THAT THE NAIC ADOPTS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.  
14 IF AN INSURER REPORTS LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ON  
15 ITS ANNUAL NAIC SCHEDULE T FILING, OR SUCH OTHER THRESHOLD  
16 DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT THE NAIC ESTABLISHES IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS,  
17 THE INSURER MAY PARTICIPATE IN AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY  
18 VOLUNTARILY.

1 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "NAIC" MEANS THE NATIONAL  
2 ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS, AN ORGANIZATION OF  
3 INSURANCE REGULATORS FROM THE FIFTY STATES OF THE UNITED STATES,  
4 THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND FIVE UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.

5 **SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-102 amend**  
6 **(1) as follows:**

7 **24-38.5-102. Colorado energy office - duties and powers.**

8 **(1) The Colorado energy office shall:**

9 **(a) Work with communities, utilities, AND private and public**  
10 **organizations and individuals to promote TO:**

11 **(I) SUPPORT ACHIEVING LEGISLATIVE GOALS TO REDUCE**  
12 **STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION**  
13 **25-7-103 (22.5);**

14 **(II) MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD ELIMINATING GREENHOUSE GAS**  
15 **POLLUTION FROM ELECTRICITY GENERATION, GAS UTILITIES, AND**  
16 **TRANSPORTATION;**

17 **(H) (III) IMPLEMENT the renewable energy standard established in**  
18 **section 40-2-124;**

19 **(H) Clean and (IV) SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF renewable**  
20 **energy, such as wind, hydroelectricity, solar, CLEAN HYDROGEN, and**  
21 **geothermal;**

22 **(HH) (V) EVALUATE, AND WHEN APPROPRIATE, SUPPORT THE**  
23 **DEPLOYMENT OF cleaner energy sources such as biogas, biomass, and**  
24 **CLEAN HYDROGEN, GEOTHERMAL, RECOVERED METHANE, RECOVERED**  
25 **HEAT, AND ADVANCED nuclear;**

26 **(IV) Traditional energy sources such as oil and other petroleum**  
27 **products, coal, propane, and natural gas;**

1           ~~(V)~~ (VI) SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF energy efficiency AND  
2 ENERGY LOAD MANAGEMENT technologies and practices;

3           ~~(VI) Cleaner technologies by utilizing traditional,~~  
4 Colorado-sourced energy;

5           (VII) ~~New~~ EVALUATE, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, SUPPORT THE  
6 DEPLOYMENT OF INNOVATIVE energy technologies as described in section  
7 40-2-123; and

8           (VIII) SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF energy storage systems,  
9 INCLUDING BOTH LONG-DURATION AND SHORT-DURATION ENERGY  
10 STORAGE;

11           (IX) SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN HEAT PLANS  
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-3.2-108;

13           (X) SUPPORT WIDESPREAD TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION;

14           (XI) SUPPORT BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION, AS DEFINED IN  
15 SECTION 40-1-102 (1.2) IN THE BUILDING, INDUSTRIAL, AND OIL AND GAS  
16 SECTORS;

17           (XII) SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS;

18           (XIII) SUPPORT POLLUTION REDUCTION THROUGH CARBON  
19 CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION AND OTHER FORMS OF CARBON  
20 MANAGEMENT; AND

21           (XIV) SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE LAND-USE PATTERNS THAT REDUCE  
22 ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION.

23           (b) Develop programs to promote high performance REDUCE  
24 ENERGY USE AND GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION FROM buildings for IN  
25 commercial and residential markets;

26           (c) ~~Make~~ SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS  
27 POLLUTION BY state government ~~more~~ THROUGH energy efficient

1 EFFICIENCY, LOAD MANAGEMENT, RENEWABLE ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION  
2 ELECTRIFICATION, AND CLEANER PROCUREMENT;

3 (d) Promote technology transfer and economic development;

4 (e) Advance innovative energy efficiency, renewable energy, and  
5 efficiency throughout the state as specified in sections 24-38.5-102.4 and  
6 24-38.5-102.5;

7 (f) to (i) Repealed.

8 (j) (e) Ensure that information explaining the requirements of  
9 SUPPORT THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED energy  
10 codes is available THAT REDUCE ENERGY USE AND GREENHOUSE GAS  
11 EMISSIONS and provide INFORMATION AND technical assistance concerning  
12 the implementation and enforcement of energy codes to both counties and  
13 municipalities, INCLUDING as specified in sections 30-28-211 (7)  
14 24-38.5-103, 24-38.5-401, 24-38.5-402, and 31-15-602 (7); C.R.S.;

15 (k) (f) Collaborate with the state board of land commissioners  
16 regarding renewable energy resource development as specified in section  
17 36-1-147.5 (4); C.R.S.;

18 (l) (g) Provide home energy efficiency improvements for  
19 low-income households, INCLUDING THROUGH THE WEATHERIZATION  
20 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, as specified in section 40-8.7-112 (3)(b); C.R.S.;  
21 and prepare and submit to the general assembly an annual report as  
22 specified in section 40-8.7-112 (3)(f), C.R.S.;

23 (m) Establish and manage a program to improve energy efficiency  
24 in public schools as provided in section 39-29-109.5, C.R.S.;

25 (n) (l) Provide public utilities with reasonable assistance, if  
26 requested, in seeking and obtaining support and sponsorship for an IGCC  
27 project and manage and distribute to the utility some or all of any funds

1 provided by the state or by the United States government to the state for  
2 purposes of study or development of an IGCC project.

3 (H) As used in this subsection (1)(n), "IGCC project" means an  
4 IGCC facility that:

5 (A) Demonstrates the use of IGCC technology to generate  
6 electricity using Colorado or other western coal;

7 (B) Does not exceed three hundred fifty megawatts nameplate  
8 capacity; except that it may exceed this capacity if the Colorado energy  
9 office determines that a larger size is necessary to obtain the benefits of  
10 federal cost sharing, financial grants or tax benefits, or other financial  
11 opportunities or arrangements benefitting the project, including  
12 opportunities to jointly develop the project with other electric utilities;

13 (C) Demonstrates the capture and sequestration of a portion of the  
14 project's carbon dioxide emissions;

15 (D) Includes methods and procedures to monitor the fate of the  
16 carbon dioxide captured and sequestered from the facility; and

17 (E) Is located in Colorado.

18 (H) As used in this subsection (1)(n), "IGCC facility" means an  
19 integrated gasification combined cycle generation facility that converts  
20 coal to a gaseous fuel from which impurities are removed prior to  
21 combustion, uses the gaseous fuel in a combustion turbine to produce  
22 electricity, and captures the waste heat from the combustion turbine to  
23 drive a steam turbine to produce more electricity. An IGCC facility may  
24 also use natural gas, in addition to gasified coal, as a fuel in the  
25 combustion turbine.

26 (o) (h) Collaborate with stakeholders to develop and encourage  
27 increased utilization of energy curricula, including science, technology,

1 engineering, and math curricula, that will serve the work force  
2 WORKFORCE needs of all CLEAN energy industries. Such collaboration  
3 may include executive departments, research institutions, state colleges,  
4 community colleges, industry, and trade organizations in an effort to  
5 develop a means by which the state may address all facets of work force  
6 WORKFORCE demands in developing a balanced energy portfolio  
7 SUPPORTING A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE. Institutions may also partner in the  
8 development of curricula with organizations that have existing energy  
9 curricula and training programs.

10 (p) (i) Annually report to the senate agriculture, natural resources,  
11 TRANSPORTATION and energy committee and the house agriculture,  
12 livestock, and natural resources ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT committee,  
13 or their successor committees;

14 (q) (j) Administer the electric vehicle grant fund CREATED IN  
15 SECTION 24-38.5-103 (1)(a) AND THE COMMUNITY ACCESS ENTERPRISE  
16 CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-303 (1);

17 (r) and (s) Repealed.

18 (t) (k) Assist the executive director of the department of local  
19 affairs in allocating revenues from the geothermal resource leasing fund  
20 to eligible entities pursuant to section 34-63-105; C.R.S.;

21 (u) (l) Develop basic consumer education or guidance about  
22 leased solar installation and purchased solar installation in consultation  
23 with industries that offer these options to consumers; and

24 (v) (m) In consultation with the appropriate industries, develop  
25 basic consumer education or guidance about purchased or, if available,  
26 leased installation of a system that uses geothermal energy for water  
27 heating or space heating or cooling in a single building or for space



1 heating for more than one building through a pipeline network.

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3        **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-51-220 as  
4 follows:

5        **24-51-220. Reporting to general assembly - inclusion of**  
6 **climate risk assessment in annual stewardship report.** (1) The  
7 association shall ~~provide~~ SUBMIT a report to the general assembly on  
8 January 1, 2016, and every five years thereafter, regarding the economic  
9 impact of the 2010 legislative changes to the annual increase provisions  
10 on the retirees and benefit recipients as compared to the actual rate of  
11 inflation and the progress made toward eliminating the unfunded  
12 liabilities of each division of the association.

13        (2) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL  
14 INCLUDE, AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL INVESTMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT OR  
15 ANY SUCCESSOR ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING THE ASSOCIATION'S  
16 INVESTMENTS THAT THE ASSOCIATION POSTS ON ITS WEBSITE OR  
17 OTHERWISE MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, A DESCRIPTION OF:

18        (a) THE ASSOCIATION'S PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING  
19 CLIMATE-CHANGE-RELATED RISKS AND ASSESSING THE FINANCIAL IMPACT  
20 THAT THE CLIMATE-CHANGE-RELATED RISKS HAVE ON THE ASSOCIATION'S  
21 OPERATIONS;

22        (b) THE CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED FUTURE RISKS THAT CLIMATE  
23 CHANGE POSES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO, THE  
24 IMPACT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE HAS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S INVESTMENT  
25 STRATEGIES, AND ANY STRATEGY CHANGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS  
26 IMPLEMENTED IN RESPONSE TO SUCH IMPACT;

27        (c) ACTIONS THAT THE ASSOCIATION IS TAKING TO MANAGE THE

1 RISKS THAT CLIMATE CHANGE POSES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S OPERATIONS;  
2 AND

3 (d) THE ASSOCIATION'S USE AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY  
4 CLIMATE-RELATED REPORTING THAT THE FEDERAL SECURITIES AND  
5 EXCHANGE COMMISSION REQUIRES.

6 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-6.5-201, **amend**  
7 (2); and **add** (3) as follows:

8 **25-6.5-201. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context  
9 otherwise requires:

10 (2) (a) "Pollution control equipment" means any personal  
11 property, including ~~but not limited to,~~ equipment, machinery, devices,  
12 systems, buildings, or structures, that is installed, constructed, or used in  
13 or as a part of a facility that creates a product in a manner that generates  
14 less pollution by the utilization of an alternative manufacturing or  
15 generating technology.

16 (b) "Pollution control equipment" includes: ~~but is not limited to,~~

17 (I) Gas or wind turbines and associated compressors or  
18 equipment;

19 (II) Solar, thermal, or photovoltaic equipment; ~~or~~

20 (III) Equipment used as part of a system that uses geothermal  
21 energy for water heating or space heating or cooling in a single building,  
22 for space heating for more than one building through a pipeline network,  
23 or for electricity generation; OR

24 (IV) WASTEWATER THERMAL ENERGY EQUIPMENT.

25 (3) "WASTEWATER THERMAL ENERGY EQUIPMENT" MEANS  
26 EQUIPMENT USED AS PART OF A SYSTEM THAT USES THERMAL ENERGY IN  
27 WASTEWATER, TO HEAT OR COOL A SPACE, OR FOR ANY OTHER USEFUL

1 THERMAL PURPOSE THAT REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE  
2 COMBUSTION OF GAS IN CUSTOMER END USES.

3 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-114.7, **amend**  
4 **(2)(a)(VII)** as follows:

5 **25-7-114.7. Emission fees - fund - rules - definition - repeal.**

6 **(2) (a) (VII) The commission shall establish, by rule, a fee per ton of**  
7 **greenhouse gas, in the form of carbon dioxide equivalent, that was**  
8 **reported in the most recent air pollutant emission notice on file with the**  
9 **division, OR THAT WAS REPORTED TO THE DIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION**  
10 **25-7-140 (2)(a)(I), in an amount that is sufficient to cover the indirect and**  
11 **direct costs required to develop and administer the programs established**  
12 **pursuant to this article 7 that pertain to emissions of greenhouse gas. The**  
13 **commission may set thresholds of reported greenhouse gas below which**  
14 **no such fee shall be assessed. No more frequently than annually, the**  
15 **commission may adjust the fee for greenhouse gas by rule to cover the**  
16 **indirect and direct costs required to develop and administer the programs**  
17 **established pursuant to this article 7 that pertain to emissions of**  
18 **greenhouse gas.**

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-142, **amend**  
20 **(8)(c)(I) introductory portion and (8)(c)(II) introductory portion as**  
21 **follows:**

22 **25-7-142. Energy benchmarking - data collection and access**

23 **- utility requirements - task force - rules - reports - definitions -**

24 **legislative declaration - repeal. (8) (c) (I) If at least two-thirds of the**

25 **members appointed to the task force agree on recommendations pursuant**

26 **to subsection (8)(a)(I) of this section, and the director of the office in**

27 **consultation with the division determines that the recommendations meet**

1 the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements set forth in  
2 subsection (8)(a)(II) of this section, the division shall, on or before  
3 January 31, 2023, request that the commission publish a notice of  
4 proposed rule-making to adopt rules to implement performance standards.  
5 On or before ~~June 1, 2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, the commission, upon  
6 careful consideration of the recommendations of the task force as  
7 presented by the division, shall promulgate rules to establish performance  
8 standards. The commission shall also adopt rules regarding waivers and  
9 extensions of time regarding the performance standard requirements. The  
10 commission's rules must include a provision that an owner of a public  
11 building need only comply with performance standards with regard to  
12 work on a construction or renovation project that:

13 (II) If two-thirds of the members of the task force cannot agree on  
14 recommendations or if the director of the office in consultation with the  
15 commission determines that the task force's recommendations do not meet  
16 the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements set forth in  
17 subsection (8)(a)(II) of this section, the commission, on or before ~~June 1,~~  
18 ~~2023~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, shall, by rule, adopt performance standards that  
19 meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements set forth in  
20 subsection (8)(a)(II) of this section. The commission shall also adopt  
21 rules regarding waivers and extensions of time regarding the performance  
22 standard requirements. The commission's rules must include a provision  
23 that an owner of a public building need only comply with performance  
24 standards with regard to work on a construction or renovation project  
25 that:

26 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-3.2-108, **amend**  
27 (2)(c)(V); and **add** (2)(c)(V.5) and (2)(r) as follows:

1           **40-3.2-108. Clean heat targets - legislative declaration -**  
2 **definitions - plans - rules - reports. (2) Definitions.** As used in this  
3 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

4           (c) "Clean heat resource" means any one or a combination of:  
5           (V) Pyrolysis of tires if the pyrolysis meets a recovered methane  
6 protocol; ~~and~~

7           (V.5) WASTEWATER THERMAL ENERGY; AND

8           (r) "WASTEWATER THERMAL ENERGY" MEANS A SYSTEM THAT  
9 USES THERMAL ENERGY IN WASTEWATER, TO HEAT OR COOL A SPACE, OR  
10 FOR ANY OTHER USEFUL THERMAL PURPOSE THAT REDUCES GREENHOUSE  
11 GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE COMBUSTION OF GAS IN CUSTOMER END USES.

12           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-102, **amend**  
13 (2)(g) as follows:

14           **25-7-102. Legislative declaration. (2)** It is further declared that:

15           (g) (I) Accordingly, Colorado shall strive to increase renewable  
16 energy generation and eliminate statewide greenhouse gas pollution by  
17 the middle of the twenty-first century and have goals of achieving, at a  
18 minimum:

19           (A) A twenty-six percent reduction in statewide greenhouse gas  
20 pollution by 2025;

21           (B) A fifty percent reduction in statewide greenhouse gas  
22 pollution by 2030;

23           (C) A SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE  
24 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY 2035;

25           (D) AN SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE  
26 GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY 2040;

27           (E) A NINETY PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE

1 GAS POLLUTION BY 2045; and

2 (F) A ~~ninety~~ ONE HUNDRED percent reduction in statewide  
3 greenhouse gas pollution by 2050.

4 (II) The reductions identified in this subsection (2)(g) are  
5 measured relative to 2005 statewide greenhouse gas pollution levels.

6 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-60-106, **amend**  
7 (9)(a) and (9)(b)(I); and **add** (9)(c), (9)(d), (9)(e), (9.3), and (9.5) as  
8 follows:

9 **34-60-106. Additional powers of commission - rules -**  
10 **definitions - repeal.** (9) (a) (I) Notwithstanding section 34-60-120 or any  
11 other provision of law AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (9)(a)(II) OF THIS  
12 SECTION, the commission, as to class II AND CLASS VI injection wells  
13 classified in 40 CFR 144.6, may perform all acts for the ~~purpose~~  
14 PURPOSES of protecting underground sources of drinking water in  
15 accordance with state programs authorized by THE FEDERAL "SAFE  
16 DRINKING WATER ACT", 42 U.S.C. sec. 300f et seq., and regulations  
17 under those sections, as amended, AND ENSURING THE SAFE AND  
18 EFFECTIVE SEQUESTRATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES IN A VERIFIABLE  
19 MANNER THAT MEETS COLORADO'S SHORT- AND LONG-TERM GREENHOUSE  
20 GAS EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-7-102  
21 (2)(g).

22 (II) IN PERFORMING ACTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THE SAFE  
23 AND EFFECTIVE SEQUESTRATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES PURSUANT TO  
24 SUBSECTION (9)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ACT IN  
25 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (9)(c) OF THIS SECTION AND ONLY AFTER  
26 THE GOVERNOR AND THE COMMISSION HAVE MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE  
27 DETERMINATION THAT THE STATE HAS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES NECESSARY

1 TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF THE SEQUESTRATION  
2 OF GREENHOUSE GASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINDINGS FROM THE  
3 COMMISSION'S STUDY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(b) OF  
4 THIS SECTION.

5 (b) The commission shall:

6 (I) Conduct a study to evaluate what resources are needed to  
7 ensure the safe and effective regulation of the sequestration of greenhouse  
8 gases ~~as that term is defined in section 25-7-140 (6)~~, and to identify and  
9 assess the applicable resources that the commission or other state  
10 agencies have; and

11 (c) (I) THE COMMISSION MAY SEEK CLASS VI INJECTION WELL  
12 PRIMACY UNDER THE FEDERAL "SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT", 42 U.S.C.  
13 SEC. 300f ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, AFTER THE COMMISSION:

14 (A) DETERMINES IT HAS THE NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR THE  
15 APPLICATION OUTLINED IN THE COMMISSION'S STUDY PERFORMED  
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9)(b) OF THIS SECTION; AND

17 (B) HOLDS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER.

18 (II) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE AND ENFORCE PERMITS AS  
19 NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (9)(c) AFTER  
20 THE COMMISSION MAKES THE DETERMINATION AND HOLDS THE HEARING  
21 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (9)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMMISSION  
22 AND THE GOVERNOR SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN  
23 SUBSECTION (9)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (III) (A) IF THE CLASS VI INJECTION WELL IS PROPOSED TO BE  
25 SITED IN AN AREA THAT WOULD AFFECT A DISPROPORTIONATELY  
26 IMPACTED COMMUNITY, THE COMMISSION SHALL WEIGH THE GEOLOGIC  
27 STORAGE OPERATOR'S SUBMITTED CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ANALYSIS AND

1 DETERMINE WHETHER, ON BALANCE, THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE  
2 CLASS VI INJECTION WELL, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND ANY  
3 REQUIRED MITIGATION MEASURES, WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE  
4 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY. A PROPOSAL THAT WILL  
5 HAVE NEGATIVE NET CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ON ANY DISPROPORTIONATELY  
6 IMPACTED COMMUNITY MUST BE DENIED. THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT  
7 RULES TO GUIDE EACH COMMISSIONER'S EVALUATION OF CUMULATIVE  
8 IMPACTS.

9 (B) THE COMMISSION MAY AMEND BY RULE THE CUMULATIVE  
10 EFFECTS ANALYSIS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION  
11 (9)(c)(III) IF THE ANALYSIS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE FOUND TO BE  
12 INCONSISTENT WITH OR INCOMPLETE WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMISSION'S  
13 APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR  
14 CLASS VI PRIMACY.

15 (IV) (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE EACH OPERATOR OF A  
16 CLASS VI INJECTION WELL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE  
17 DEMONSTRATING THAT THE OPERATOR IS FINANCIALLY CAPABLE OF  
18 FULFILLING EVERY OBLIGATION IMPOSED ON THE OPERATOR UNDER THIS  
19 ARTICLE 60 AND UNDER RULES THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPTS PURSUANT  
20 TO THIS ARTICLE 60.

21 (B) THE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (9)(c)(IV) MUST COVER THE COST OF CORRECTIVE ACTION,  
23 INJECTION WELL PLUGGING, POST-INJECTION SITE CARE, SITE CLOSURE,  
24 AND ANY EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE.

25 (C) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES REQUIRING THAT THE  
26 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE COVER THE COST OF OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE IN  
27 ADDITION TO THE OBLIGATIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (9)(c)(IV)(B) OF



1 THIS SECTION IF THE ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS ARE REASONABLY  
2 ASSOCIATED WITH CLASS VI INJECTION WELLS AND LOCATIONS.

3 (D) AN OPERATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE  
4 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (9)(c)(IV) OR UNDER ANY RULES  
5 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (9)(c)(IV) UNTIL THE  
6 COMMISSION APPROVES SITE CLOSURE, AS SPECIFIED IN RULES ADOPTED BY  
7 THE COMMISSION. COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A SITE CLOSURE DOES NOT  
8 OTHERWISE MODIFY AN OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH  
9 APPLICABLE LAWS.

10 (E) FINANCIAL ASSURANCE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
11 (9)(c)(IV) MAY BE IN THE FORM OF A SURETY BOND, INSURANCE, OR ANY  
12 OTHER INSTRUMENT THAT THE COMMISSION, BY RULE, DEEMS  
13 SATISFACTORY.

14 (d) IN ISSUING AND ENFORCING PERMITS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
15 (9)(c) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE, AFTER A PUBLIC  
16 HEARING, THAT:

17 (I) THE PERMITTING OF A CLASS VI INJECTION WELL COMPLIES  
18 WITH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SITING OF THE PROPOSED CLASS VI  
19 INJECTION WELL LOCATION;

20 (II) THE PROPOSED NEW OR MODIFIED CLASS VI INJECTION WELL  
21 HAS RECEIVED AN APPLICABLE AIR PERMIT FROM THE DIVISION OF  
22 ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
23 ENVIRONMENT;

24 (III) THE OPERATOR OF THE CLASS VI INJECTION WELL HAS  
25 RECEIVED THE CONSENT OF ANY SURFACE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE  
26 LAND WHERE THE SURFACE DISTURBANCE WILL OCCUR AND HAS PROVIDED  
27 THE COMMISSION A WRITTEN CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT THAT THE

1 SURFACE OWNER OR OWNERS HAVE EXECUTED; AND

2 (IV) THE COMMISSION HAS DELIBERATED ON THE CUMULATIVE

3 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CLASS VI INJECTION WELL. THE CUMULATIVE

4 IMPACT ANALYSIS MUST INCLUDE:

5 (A) ANY APPLICABLE AIR QUALITY MODELING REQUIRED BY

6 SECTION 25-7-111 (2);

7 (B) AN ANALYSIS OF THE NET IMPACT OF THE WELL ON

8 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND COPOLLUTANTS, INCLUDING

9 CONSIDERATION OF A NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE AND OF NET CHANGES IN

10 LIFE CYCLE EMISSIONS; AND

11 (C) AN EVALUATION OF HOW NEGATIVE IMPACTS ARE AVOIDED OR,

12 IF NOT AVOIDED, HOW NEGATIVE IMPACTS ARE MINIMIZED AND MITIGATED

13 AND WHICH, IF ANY, NEGATIVE IMPACTS COULD NOT BE MITIGATED.

14 (e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (9), UNLESS THE CONTEXT

15 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (I) "CORRECTIVE ACTION" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN 40 CFR

17 146.81.

18 (II) "CUMULATIVE IMPACTS" MEANS THE EFFECT OF A PROPOSED

19 NEW OR MODIFIED CLASS VI INJECTION WELL ON THE ENVIRONMENT,

20 INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, CLIMATE,

21 NOISE, ODOR, WILDLIFE, BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

22 THAT IS CAUSED BY THE INCREMENTAL IMPACT THAT A NEW OR MODIFIED

23 CLASS VI INJECTION WELL HAS, WHEN ADDED TO THE IMPACTS FROM

24 OTHER PAST, PRESENT, AND REASONABLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE

25 DEVELOPMENT OF ANY TYPE, ON THE RELEVANT AREA, INCLUDING AN

26 AIRSHED OR WATERSHED, OR ON A DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED

27 COMMUNITY.

1 (III) "DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITY" HAS THE  
2 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II).

3 (IV) "GREENHOUSE GAS" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
4 25-7-140 (6).

5 (V) "POST-INJECTION SITE CARE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
6 40 CFR 146.81.

7 (VI) "SITE CLOSURE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN 40 CFR  
8 146.81.

9 (9.3) (a) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, SHALL DEVELOP AND  
11 UTILIZE REGULATIONS FOR ANALYZING THE FULL LIFE CYCLE OF EMISSIONS  
12 RELATED TO THE PERMITTING OF A PROPOSED NEW OR MODIFIED CLASS VI  
13 INJECTION WELL. THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST  
14 FROM AN OPERATOR, AND ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE, ANY RELEVANT  
15 DATA REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SUCH ANALYSIS.

16 (b) A LIFE CYCLE EMISSIONS ANALYSIS MUST INCLUDE  
17 CONSIDERATION OF:

18 (I) THE DIRECT EMISSIONS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
19 OPERATIONS OF THE CLASS VI INJECTION WELL;

20 (II) POTENTIAL LEAKAGE FROM THE CLASS VI INJECTION WELL  
21 OVER ITS LIFETIME, IF APPLICABLE; AND

22 (III) THE SCOPE OF THE EMISSIONS FROM ENERGY INPUTS TO  
23 CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE THE CLASS VI INJECTION WELL, BASED ON THE  
24 MOST CURRENT ENERGY INPUTS AND CONSIDERATION OF EMISSION  
25 INTENSITY FORECASTS, IF APPLICABLE.

26 (c) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS  
27 TO CERTIFY THE QUANTITY OF CARBON DIOXIDE THAT WILL BE STORED IN

1 A PROPOSED NEW OR MODIFIED CLASS VI INJECTION WELL.

2 (d) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, SHALL EVALUATE THE RISK OF  
4 CLASS VI INJECTION WELLS BY DETERMINING THE LIKELIHOOD AND  
5 SEVERITY OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A CLASS VI INJECTION WELL, THE  
6 POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE FROM SUCH INCIDENT, AND THE OVERALL  
7 EFFECT THAT SUCH INCIDENT COULD HAVE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH,  
8 SAFETY, AND WELFARE AND ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

9 (9.5) (a) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION, IN  
10 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
11 ENVIRONMENT, SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE  
12 SAFETY OF CLASS VI INJECTION WELLS, THE POTENTIAL FOR CARBON  
13 DIOXIDE RELEASES FROM THE WELLS, AND METHODS TO LIMIT THE  
14 LIKELIHOOD OF A CARBON DIOXIDE RELEASE FROM A CLASS VI INJECTION  
15 WELL OR CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE OR SEQUESTRATION FACILITY. THE  
16 STUDY MUST INCLUDE:

17 (I) AN EVALUATION OF THE POTENTIAL AIR QUALITY IMPACTS OF  
18 CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY AT A CARBON DIOXIDE SOURCE FACILITY;

19 (II) CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS,  
20 INCLUDING COMPUTER MODELING TO SIMULATE CARBON DIOXIDE LEAKS  
21 FROM PIPELINES OF VARYING DIAMETERS AND LENGTHS;

22 (III) APPROPRIATE SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE OPERATION AND  
23 MAINTENANCE OF A CLASS VI INJECTION WELL;

24 (IV) METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE STABILITY OF  
25 UNDERGROUND CARBON DIOXIDE STORAGE AND ESTIMATES OF THE TIME  
26 NEEDED FOR CARBON DIOXIDE PLUME STABILIZATION; AND

27 (V) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT

1 COMMUNITIES FROM CARBON DIOXIDE RELEASES, SUCH AS HAZARD ZONES,  
2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS, SETBACKS, ADDITIONAL MONITORING  
3 REQUIREMENTS, OR OTHER MEASURES.

4 (b) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
5 PRESENT ITS FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM THE STUDY, INCLUDING  
6 ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION, TO THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE  
8 SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
9 COMMITTEES. THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PERMIT A CLASS VI INJECTION  
10 WELL IN THE STATE UNTIL THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND  
11 PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

12 (c) A CLASS VI INJECTION WELL SHALL NOT BE LOCATED WITHIN  
13 TWO THOUSAND FEET OF A RESIDENCE, SCHOOL, OR COMMERCIAL  
14 BUILDING. THE COMMISSION MAY ADJUST THE TWO-THOUSAND-FOOT  
15 SETBACK BY RULE AFTER STUDYING AND EVALUATING THE SEVERITY OF  
16 IMPACTS ARISING FROM FOUR OR MORE CLASS VI INJECTION WELLS THAT  
17 HAVE BEEN IN PLACE IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS.

18 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-30-168, amend  
19 (1)(b)(II) and (1)(b)(III); and add (1)(b)(IV) as follows:

20 **38-30-168. Unreasonable restrictions on renewable energy**  
21 **generation devices - definitions.** (1) (b) As used in this section,  
22 "renewable energy generation device" means:

23 (II) A wind-electric generator that meets the interconnection  
24 standards established in rules promulgated by the public utilities  
25 commission pursuant to section 40-2-124; or

26 (III) A geothermal energy device; OR

27 (IV) A HEAT PUMP SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 39-26-732

1 (2)(c).

2 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-106.7,  
3 **amend (1)(b)(VI) as follows:**

4 **38-33.3-106.7. Unreasonable restrictions on energy efficiency**  
5 **measures - definitions.** (1) (b) As used in this section, "energy  
6 efficiency measure" means a device or structure that reduces the amount  
7 of energy derived from fossil fuels that is consumed by a residence or  
8 business located on the real property. "Energy efficiency measure" is  
9 further limited to include only the following types of devices or  
10 structures:

11 (VI) A heat pump SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 39-26-732  
12 (2)(c).

13 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 39-22-549 as  
14 follows:

15 **39-22-549. Tax credit for reducing emissions from certain**  
16 **lawn equipment - report - legislative declaration - tax preference**  
17 **performance statement - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

19 (I) GASOLINE-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS LAWN  
20 MOWERS, LEAF BLOWERS, TRIMMERS, AND SNOWBLOWERS, EMITS HIGH  
21 LEVELS OF AIR POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING NITROGEN OXIDES AND VOLATILE  
22 ORGANIC COMPOUNDS THAT, TOGETHER, FORM OZONE AND PARTICULATE  
23 MATTER;

24 (II) REPLACING SUCH GASOLINE-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT WITH  
25 ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT CAN REDUCE OZONE POLLUTION;  
26 AND

27 (III) THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX CREDIT IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS

1 SECTION IS TO INCENTIVIZE THE VOLUNTARY TRANSITION FROM  
2 GASOLINE-POWERED TO ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT.

3 (b) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 39-21-304 (1), WHICH  
4 REQUIRES EACH BILL THAT CREATES A NEW TAX EXPENDITURE TO INCLUDE  
5 A TAX PREFERENCE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AS PART OF A STATUTORY  
6 LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND  
7 DECLARES THAT:

8 (I) THE GENERAL LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE OF THE TAX CREDIT  
9 ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION IS TO INDUCE CERTAIN  
10 DESIGNATED BEHAVIORS BY TAXPAYERS, SPECIFICALLY THE PURCHASE OF  
11 ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT; AND

12 (II) IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE  
13 AUDITOR TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TAX CREDIT, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
15 AND THE STATE AUDITOR AN ANNUAL REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
16 SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION DETAILING THE SALES OF NEW,  
17 ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT, AS REPORTED BY TAXPAYERS  
18 CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
19 SECTION.

20 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
21 REQUIRES:

22 (a) "LAWN EQUIPMENT" MEANS A LAWN MOWER, LEAF BLOWER,  
23 TRIMMER, OR SNOWBLOWER.

24 (b) "PURCHASE PRICE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
25 39-26-102 (7).

26 (c) "RETAILER" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
27 39-26-102 (8).

1           (d) "RETAIL SALE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
2           39-26-102 (9).

3           (3) (a) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER  
4           JANUARY 1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, A RETAILER QUALIFIED  
5           PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(d)(III) OF THIS SECTION IS ALLOWED A TAX  
6           CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 22 IN AN  
7           AMOUNT EQUAL TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE AGGREGATE PURCHASE PRICE  
8           FOR ALL RETAIL SALES OF NEW, ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT  
9           THAT THE QUALIFIED RETAILER SOLD IN THE STATE DURING THE TAX YEAR.

10          (b) IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER  
11          THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE QUALIFIED RETAILER SHALL PROVIDE TO THE  
12          PURCHASER, AT THE TIME OF THE RETAIL SALE OF NEW,  
13          ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT, A DISCOUNT ON THE PURCHASE  
14          PRICE OF THE LAWN EQUIPMENT EQUAL TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE  
15          PURCHASE PRICE AND SHALL SHOW THE DISCOUNT AS A SEPARATE ITEM ON  
16          THE RECEIPT OR INVOICE PROVIDED TO THE PURCHASER.

17          (c) TO DETERMINE WHETHER A QUALIFIED RETAILER SOLD NEW,  
18          ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT IN THIS STATE, THE RULES OF  
19          SECTION 39-26-104 (3)(a) APPLY.

20          (d) (I) THE QUALIFIED RETAILER SHALL ELECTRONICALLY  
21          SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ON A QUARTERLY  
22          BASIS AND IN THE FORM AND MANNER REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT,  
23          THAT DETAILS THE NUMBER OF PIECES OF NEW, ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN  
24          EQUIPMENT SOLD BY THE QUALIFIED RETAILER IN THE REPORTING PERIOD  
25          FOR WHICH THE QUALIFIED RETAILER PROVIDED A DISCOUNT AS DESCRIBED  
26          IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE  
27          THE QUALIFIED RETAILER TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE



1 REPORT.

2 (II) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
3 1, 2025, THE QUALIFIED RETAILER MAY ELECT ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF THE  
4 CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION  
5 39-22-629.

6 (III) BEFORE SELLING A PIECE OF NEW, ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN  
7 EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH A RETAILER INTENDS TO CLAIM A CREDIT  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE RETAILER SHALL REGISTER AS A  
9 QUALIFIED RETAILER BY FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE A  
10 REGISTRATION STATEMENT IN THE FORM AND MANNER THAT THE  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESCRIBES.

12 (4) IF A CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE  
13 INCOME TAX DUE ON THE INCOME OF THE QUALIFIED RETAILER FOR THE  
14 TAXABLE YEAR, THE EXCESS CREDIT MAY NOT BE CARRIED FORWARD AND  
15 MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE QUALIFIED RETAILER.

16 (5) PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-21-304 (3), NOTWITHSTANDING  
17 SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DATA  
18 THAT ALLOWS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE AUDITOR TO  
19 MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TAX CREDIT CREATED IN  
20 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ON OR  
21 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR  
22 THEREAFTER THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2028, SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE AUDITOR A REPORT DETAILING THE SALES OF  
24 NEW, ELECTRIC-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT, AS REPORTED BY A  
25 QUALIFIED RETAILER CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER  
26 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. THE TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED IN THIS  
27 SECTION MEETS ITS PURPOSE IF SALES OF NEW, GASOLINE-POWERED LAWN

1 EQUIPMENT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE  
2 TAX CREDIT BECOMES EFFECTIVE, AS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE AUDITOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-21-304(3).

4 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2033.

5 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-110, amend  
6 (9)(b) as follows:

7 **39-29-110. Local government severance tax fund - creation -**  
8 **administration - definitions - repeal.**

9 (9)(b) This subsection (9) is repealed, effective July 1, 2023 JULY  
10 1, 2025.

11 **SECTION 14.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2021, amend section  
12 3 of chapter 225, (HB 21-1253), as follows:

13 Section 3. Appropriation. For the 2020-21 state fiscal year,  
14 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by  
15 the division of local government. This appropriation is from the local  
16 government severance tax fund created in section 39-29-110 (1)(a)(I),  
17 C.R.S. To implement this act, the division of local government may use  
18 this appropriation for grants for renewable and clean energy  
19 implementation projects that meet the division's eligibility criteria for  
20 funding under the department's renewable and clean energy initiative  
21 program. Any money appropriated in this section not expended prior to  
22 July 1, 2021 JULY 1, 2025, is further appropriated to the division of local  
23 government for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 state fiscal years for the same  
24 purpose UNTIL THE MONEY IS FULLY EXPENDED.

25 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-629, amend  
26 as added by House Bill 23-1272 (1)(a) as follows:

27 **39-22-629. Advance payments of income tax credits -**

1 definitions - repeal. (1) As used in this section, unless the context  
2 otherwise requires:

3 (a) "Applicable credit" means the credits allowed in sections  
4 39-22-516.7, 39-22-516.8, 39-22-549, and 39-22-553.

5 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-1-102, **amend**  
6 **(1.3); and add (1.4), (8.2), and (8.3) as follows:**

7 **40-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 7 of this title 40,  
8 unless the context otherwise requires:

9 ~~(1.3) "Charge" includes any consideration, however denominated,~~  
10 ~~paid or provided by a retail cooperative electric association to a wholesale~~  
11 ~~electric cooperative in connection with an agreement by which the retail~~  
12 ~~cooperative electric association terminates a wholesale electric service~~  
13 ~~contract with the wholesale electric cooperative "CERTIFICATE OF~~  
14 ~~COMPLETION" MEANS AN ATTESTATION THAT AN INTERCONNECTION~~  
15 ~~CUSTOMER SUBMITS TO A PUBLIC UTILITY TO CONFIRM THAT A RETAIL~~  
16 ~~DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCE HAS BEEN PROPERLY INSPECTED OR~~  
17 ~~OTHERWISE CERTIFIED TO MEET THE SAFE OPERATION REQUIREMENTS OF~~  
18 ~~A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.~~

19 (1.4) "CHARGE" INCLUDES ANY CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER  
20 DENOMINATED, PAID OR PROVIDED BY A RETAIL COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC  
21 ASSOCIATION TO A WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IN CONNECTION  
22 WITH AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH THE RETAIL COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC  
23 ASSOCIATION TERMINATES A WHOLESALE ELECTRIC SERVICE CONTRACT  
24 WITH THE WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.

25 (8.2) "INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT" MEANS AN AGREEMENT  
26 BETWEEN A PUBLIC UTILITY AND AN INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER TO  
27 INTERCONNECT A RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCE TO THE

1 UTILITY SYSTEM.

2 (8.3) (a) "INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT  
3 PROPOSES TO INTERCONNECT A RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION  
4 RESOURCE ON THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF A PUBLIC UTILITY.

5 (b) "INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER" INCLUDES AN AFFILIATE OR A  
6 SUBSIDIARY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT PROPOSES TO INTERCONNECT A  
7 RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCE TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY'S  
8 SYSTEM.

9 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-1-126, add (2.5)  
10 as follows:

11 **40-2-126. Transmission facilities - biennial review - energy**  
12 **resource zones - definitions - plans - approval - cost recovery -**  
13 **powerline trail consideration. (2.5) IN REVIEWING A PLAN THAT AN**  
14 **ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBMITS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS**  
15 **SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE NEED FOR EXPANDED**  
16 **TRANSMISSION CAPACITY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO**  
17 **EXPAND CAPACITY THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION**  
18 **LINES, IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES, AND**  
19 **CONNECTIONS TO ORGANIZED WHOLESALE MARKETS, AS DEFINED IN**  
20 **SECTION 40-5-108 (1)(a).**

21 == =====

22 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-114, amend  
23 (2)(a)(III) as follows:

24 **40-2-114. Disposition of fees collected - telecommunications**  
25 **utility fund - fixed utility fund - appropriation. (2) (a) Money in the**  
26 **funds created in subsection (1) of this section shall be expended only to**  
27 **defray the full amount determined by the general assembly for:**

1           (III) With regard only to expenditures from the public utilities  
2           commission fixed utility fund created in subsection (1)(b) of this section,  
3           the administrative expenses, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars  
4           annually, incurred by the Colorado electric transmission authority in  
5           carrying out its duties under article 42 of this title 40. The Colorado  
6           electric transmission authority shall remit to the PUBLIC UTILITIES  
7           COMMISSION fixed utility fund any amounts it receives in excess of its  
8           actual administrative expenses plus a ~~fifteen~~ FIFTY percent reserve  
9           margin.

10           **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 40-2-135** as  
11           follows:

12           **40-2-135. Retail distributed generation - customers' rights -**  
13           **rules.** (1) A retail electric utility customer is entitled to generate,  
14           consume, store, and export electricity produced from eligible energy  
15           resources to the electric grid through the use of customer-sited retail  
16           distributed generation, as defined in section 40-2-124 (1)(a)(VIII), subject  
17           to reliability standards, interconnection rules, and procedures, as  
18           determined by the commission.

19           (2) (a) A RETAIL ELECTRIC UTILITY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IF THE  
20           UTILITY FAILS TO PROVIDE REASONABLE, GOOD FAITH, AND TIMELY  
21           SERVICE TO AN INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER AND SUCH VIOLATION MAY  
22           RESULT IN COMMISSION ACTION, INCLUDING THE ASSESSMENT OF  
23           MONETARY FINES AGAINST THE RETAIL ELECTRIC UTILITY. IF A RETAIL  
24           ELECTRIC UTILITY FAILS TO PROVIDE TIMELY SERVICE AND ADHERE TO  
25           TIMELINES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES AS PART OF THE  
26           COMMISSION'S INTERCONNECTION RULES, THE RETAIL ELECTRIC UTILITY  
27           MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES OF UP TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER

1 DAY FOR EACH DAY THAT THE VIOLATION OCCURRED.

2 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ANNUALLY ADJUST  
3 THE PENALTY AMOUNT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
4 BASED ON THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES  
5 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE  
6 INDEX FOR THE DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD AREA FOR ALL ITEMS PAID  
7 BY ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX.

8 (c) (I) FOR A RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCE THAT  
9 IS TWENTY-FIVE KILOWATTS OR LESS, A PUBLIC UTILITY SHALL PROVIDE AN  
10 INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER AN EXECUTED INTERCONNECTION  
11 AGREEMENT NO MORE THAN THIRTY BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING  
12 PAYMENT OF AN INTERCONNECTION FEE FROM THE INTERCONNECTION  
13 CUSTOMER.

14 (II) FOLLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAIL DISTRIBUTED  
15 GENERATION RESOURCE, A PUBLIC UTILITY MUST PROVIDE  
16 INTERCONNECTION OF THE CUSTOMER'S RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION  
17 RESOURCE NO MORE THAN THIRTY BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE  
18 INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER SUBMITS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY A  
19 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

20 (III) IF THE SUM OF A PUBLIC UTILITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THESE  
21 TIMES SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c) EXCEEDS SIXTY DAYS, THE  
22 PUBLIC UTILITY MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES CONSISTENT WITH THIS  
23 SUBSECTION (2).

24 (d) A PUBLIC UTILITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO PENALTIES UNDER THIS  
25 SUBSECTION (2) IF THE PUBLIC UTILITY CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT:

26 (I) THE INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER FAILED TO TIMELY REMEDY  
27 ANY MATERIAL DEFECTS IN THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERCONNECTION

1 CUSTOMER'S APPLICATION FOR INTERCONNECTION AND THE PUBLIC  
2 UTILITY IDENTIFIED THE DEFECTS DURING ITS REVIEW OF THE  
3 APPLICATION;

4 (II) THE RETAIL DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RESOURCE CANNOT BE  
5 SAFELY INTERCONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY'S SYSTEM IN A MANNER  
6 CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMISSION'S INTERCONNECTION RULES; OR

7 (III) OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSED A DELAY IN  
8 INTERCONNECTION.

9 (3) (a) AN INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER MAY FILE A COMPLAINT  
10 WITH THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 40-6-108 ALLEGING  
11 THAT A PUBLIC UTILITY HAS VIOLATED SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (b) IN CONSIDERING A COMPLAINT FILED PURSUANT TO THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (3), THE COMMISSION MAY ORDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY TO  
14 REFUND INTERCONNECTION STUDY FEES CHARGED TO THE  
15 INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER. IF A PUBLIC UTILITY IS ORDERED TO  
16 REFUND SUCH INTERCONNECTION STUDY FEES, SUCH REFUND IS NOT AN  
17 EXPENSE THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITY MAY RECOVER FROM ITS RATEPAYERS.

18 (4) THE COMMISSION SHALL ONLY ASSESS THE PENALTIES SET  
19 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION AGAINST A PUBLIC UTILITY  
20 IF:

21 (a) AN INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER OR COMMISSION STAFF HAS  
22 FILED, AND THE COMMISSION HAS ADJUDICATED, A COMPLAINT PURSUANT  
23 TO SECTION 40-6-108; AND

24 (b) THE PUBLIC UTILITY HAS A TARIFF ON FILE WITH THE  
25 COMMISSION THAT PROVIDES INCENTIVES AND PENALTIES TO PROVIDE  
26 INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY HAS EXCEEDED THE  
27 TIMELINES ESTABLISHED IN THE TARIFF FILING.

1           (5) IN JURISDICTIONS THAT ALLOW INTERCONNECTION WITHOUT A  
2 PUBLIC UTILITY PRESENT, AN INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER MAY INSTALL  
3 ALL NECESSARY METERING EQUIPMENT AND ENERGIZE THE SYSTEM  
4 FOLLOWING INSTALLATION IF:

5           (a) THE INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER HAS AN INTERCONNECTION  
6 AGREEMENT WITH A PUBLIC UTILITY AND A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION  
7 FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT  
8 AUTHORITY; AND

9           (b) THE INSTALLATION AND ENERGIZING WORK IS OVERSEEN BY A  
10 LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN.

11           (6) A PUBLIC UTILITY MAY RECOVER ITS PRUDENTLY INCURRED  
12 COSTS TO FACILITATE A TIMELY INTERCONNECTION, WHICH COSTS MAY  
13 INCLUDE THE COST OF EQUIPMENT THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITY PROCURES  
14 FOR FUTURE UPGRADES NEEDED TO INTERCONNECT RETAIL DISTRIBUTED  
15 GENERATION RESOURCES. A PUBLIC UTILITY MAY RECOVER THE COSTS OF  
16 ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT INVENTORY AS CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS IF THE  
17 INVENTORY IS PROJECTED TO BE USED WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF ITS  
18 PROCUREMENT AND WITH A RETURN AT THE MOST RECENTLY AUTHORIZED  
19 WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL.

20           **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-7-105, **amend**  
21 (1); and **add** (1.5) and (4) as follows:

22           **40-7-105. Violations - penalty - separate offenses - rules.**

23 (1) Any public utility ~~which~~ THAT violates or fails to comply with any  
24 provision of the state constitution or of articles 1 to 7 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 40  
25 or ~~which~~ THAT fails, omits, or neglects to obey, observe, or comply with  
26 any order, decision, decree, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the  
27 commission or any part or provision thereof, except an order for the



1 payment of money, in a case in which a penalty has not been provided for  
2 such THE public utility, is subject to a penalty of not more than two  
3 TWENTY thousand dollars for each PER offense FOR EACH DAY THAT THE  
4 OFFENSE CONTINUES.

5 (1.5) (a) ANY PROPOSED PENALTY IS SUBJECT TO A FINDING BY THE  
6 COMMISSION OF CUSTOMER HARM THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE  
7 AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY LEVIED. IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF A  
8 PENALTY OR WHETHER ANY PENALTY IS LEVIED, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
9 ALSO CONSIDER FACTORS INCLUDING:

10 (I) THE SIZE OF THE UTILITY;

11 (II) FACTORS INFLUENCING THE VIOLATION;

12 (III) THE UTILITY'S PREVIOUS HISTORY OF ANY SIMILAR  
13 VIOLATIONS;

14 (IV) REMEDIAL MEASURES; AND

15 (V) ANY OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY MITIGATE ANY HARM TO  
16 CUSTOMERS.

17 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ANNUALLY ADJUST  
18 THE MAXIMUM PER-DAY PENALTY AMOUNT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)  
19 OF THIS SECTION BASED ON THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE  
20 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS  
21 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD AREA FOR  
22 ALL ITEMS PAID BY ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX.

23 (4) ANY PENALTY THAT THE COMMISSION ASSESSES AGAINST A  
24 UTILITY UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT RECOVERABLE AS AN EXPENSE  
25 PAYABLE BY THE UTILITY'S RATEPAYERS.

26 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-3.2-108, amend  
27 (2)(a)(II) and (2)(p) introductory portion as follows:

1           **40-3.2-108. Clean heat targets - legislative declaration -**  
2 **definitions - plans - rules - reports. (2) Definitions.** As used in this  
3 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

4           (a) "Biomethane":

5           (II) Includes biomethane recovered from manure management  
6 systems or anaerobic digesters, INCLUDING FROM OPERATIONS FOR DAIRY  
7 COWS, BEEF CATTLE, POULTRY, SWINE, OR SHEEP, that has been processed  
8 to meet pipeline quality.

9           (p) "Recovered methane protocol" means a documented set of  
10 procedures and requirements established by the air quality control  
11 commission to quantify ongoing greenhouse gas emission reductions or  
12 greenhouse gas removal enhancements achieved by a recovered methane  
13 project and to calculate the project baseline. A RECOVERED METHANE  
14 PROTOCOL THAT THE AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION ADOPTS FOR  
15 BIOMETHANE FROM MANURE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS MUST ALLOW FOR  
16 THE USE OF MANURE FROM BEEF CATTLE OPERATIONS. THE AIR QUALITY  
17 CONTROL COMMISSION MAY ALSO ADOPT A RECOVERED METHANE  
18 PROTOCOL THAT IS SPECIFIC TO MANURE MANAGEMENT FROM BEEF  
19 CATTLE OPERATIONS. A recovered methane protocol must:

20           **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-42-102, **amend**  
21 (14) as follows:

22           **40-42-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 42, unless the  
23 context otherwise requires:

24           (14) "Project" means an undertaking by the authority to finance  
25 or to:

26           (a) Plan, acquire, maintain, and operate eligible facilities located  
27 partly or entirely within Colorado; OR

1 (b) RENOVATE, REBUILD, OR RECONDITION EXISTING ELIGIBLE  
2 FACILITIES, THAT ARE LOCATED PARTLY OR ENTIRELY WITHIN COLORADO  
3 AND ARE APPROVED THROUGH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S LAND-USE  
4 APPLICATION PROCESS, TO UPGRADE AND OPTIMIZE THE EXISTING  
5 FACILITIES.

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7 **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-42-107, **amend**  
8 (1) introductory portion as follows:

9 **40-42-107. Labor standards - apprenticeship - supervision.**  
10 (1) The authority shall ensure that, in any construction, expansion,  
11 RENOVATION, REBUILDING, RECONDITIONING, or maintenance of facilities  
12 undertaken in Colorado pursuant to this article 42, all labor is performed  
13 either by the employees of an electric utility, ~~or~~ by qualified contractors,  
14 or BY both, and that, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of  
15 this section, an electric utility DOES not use a contractor unless:

16 **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 40-42-109 as  
17 follows:

18 **40-42-109. Study on expanding transmission capacity -**  
19 **reporting - repeal.** (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE  
20 OPERATIONAL FUND CREATED IN SECTION 40-42-106 TO STUDY THE NEED  
21 FOR EXPANDED TRANSMISSION CAPACITY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

22 (a) THE ABILITY TO EXPAND CAPACITY THROUGH THE  
23 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINES, IMPROVEMENTS TO  
24 EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES, AND CONNECTIONS TO ORGANIZED  
25 WHOLESALE MARKETS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 40-5-108 (1)(a);

26 (b) WHETHER AND HOW EXPANDED TRANSMISSION CAPACITY WILL:  
27 (I) IMPROVE THE SYSTEM RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC GRID AND

1 PROVIDE OPTIMAL UTILIZATION OF ELECTRICITY FLOWS IN THE STATE;

2 (II) SUPPORT THE STATE'S EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS SET FORTH  
3 IN SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g);

4 (III) SUPPORT THE STATE'S FORECASTED ELECTRICITY NEEDS; AND

5 (IV) REDUCE LAND IMPACTS BY USING EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY,  
6 INCLUDING FOR LARGE CAPACITY TRANSMISSION LINES; CO-LOCATING  
7 MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION LINES; RECONDUCTORING TRANSMISSION LINES;  
8 AND STRATEGICALLY SITING NEW TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS.

9 (2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE:

10 (a) AN INITIAL REPORT OF THE STUDY, INCLUDING ANY  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESENT THE INITIAL REPORT TO THE  
12 COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024; AND

13 (b) A FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY, INCLUDING ANY  
14 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESENT THE FINAL REPORT TO THE JOINT  
15 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND  
16 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND  
17 ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON OR BEFORE  
18 JANUARY 31, 2025.

19 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

20 **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 29-20-108, **add** (7)  
21 as follows:

22 **29-20-108. Local government regulation - location,**  
23 **construction, or improvement of major electrical or natural gas**  
24 **facilities - powerline trail notification - expedited review for certain**  
25 **transmission line projects - legislative declaration - definitions. (7) A**  
26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL EXPEDITE, AS PRACTICABLE, ITS REVIEW OF A  
27 LAND USE APPLICATION WITH REGARD TO A PROPOSED PROJECT TO

1 RENOVA TE, REBUI LD, OR RECONDI TION A TRANSMISSION LINE IN  
2 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 40-42-104 (3)(c).

3 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-105, **amend**  
4 (1)(e)(II) as follows:

5 **25-7-105. Duties of commission - technical secretary - rules -**  
6 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) Except as provided in sections  
7 25-7-130 and 25-7-131, the commission shall promulgate rules that are  
8 consistent with the legislative declaration set forth in section 25-7-102  
9 and necessary for the proper implementation and administration of this  
10 article 7, including:

11 (e) (II) Consistent with section 25-7-102 (2)(g), the commission  
12 shall timely promulgate implementing rules and regulations. The  
13 implementing rules may take into account other relevant laws and rules,  
14 as well as voluntary actions taken by local communities and the private  
15 sector, to enhance efficiency and cost-effectiveness, and shall be revised  
16 as necessary over time to ensure timely progress toward the 2025, 2030,  
17 **2035, 2040, 2045,** and 2050 goals. The implementing rules ~~shall~~ **MUST**  
18 provide for ongoing tracking of emission sources that adversely affect  
19 disproportionately impacted communities and are subject to rules  
20 implemented pursuant to this subsection (1)(e) and must include strategies  
21 designed to achieve reductions in harmful air pollution affecting those  
22 communities.

23 **SECTION 27. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal  
24 year, \$191,790 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for  
25 use by the oil and gas conservation commission. This appropriation is  
26 from the oil and gas conservation and environmental response fund  
27 created in section 34-60-122 (5)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the

1 commission may use this appropriation as follows:

2 (a) \$151,142 for program costs, which amount is based on an  
3 assumption that the commission will require an additional 1.6 FTE;

4 (b) \$19,500 for the underground injection program; and

5 (c) \$21,148 for the purchase of legal services.

6 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$288,016 is appropriated to  
7 the department of public health and environment for use by the air  
8 pollution control division. This appropriation is from the general fund. To  
9 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

10 (a) \$135,054 for personal services related to stationary sources,  
11 which amount is based on an assumption that the subdivision will require  
12 an additional 1.4 FTE;

13 (b) \$15,500 for operating expenses related to stationary sources;

14 and

15 (c) \$137,462 for the purchase of legal services.

16 (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$99,769 is appropriated to  
17 the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the general fund.  
18 To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

19 (a) \$44,327 for use by taxation services for personal services,  
20 which amount is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
21 additional 0.7 FTE;

22 (b) \$15,007 for use by taxation services for operating expenses;

23 and

24 (c) \$40,435 for use by administration for tax administration IT  
25 system (GenTax) support.

26 (4) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$158,610 is appropriated to  
27 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds

1 received from the departments of natural resources and public health and  
2 environment under subsections (1)(c) and (2)(c) of this section and is  
3 based on an assumption that the department of law will require an  
4 additional 0.8 FTE. To implement this act, the department of law may use  
5 this appropriation to provide legal services for the departments of natural  
6 resources and public health and environment.

7 **SECTION 28. Act subject to petition - effective date.**

8 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this act takes  
9 effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day  
10 period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a  
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

17 (2) Section 39-22-549 (3)(d)(II), Colorado Revised Statutes, as  
18 enacted in section 8 of this act, and section 9 of this act take effect only  
19 if House Bill 23-1272 becomes law, in which case section 39-22-549  
20 (3)(d)(II), Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted in section 8 of this act,  
21 and section 9 of this act take effect on the effective date of this act or  
22 House Bill 23-1272, whichever is later.