

Coal Transition Grant Improvements

Summary

As Colorado prepares for the closure of coal mines across the state before the end of the decade, **it is essential to ensure the state continues to support economic diversification efforts** so these communities continue to thrive.

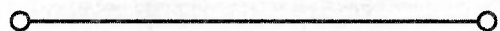
With sponsor supported amendments, this bill is focused on ensuring the Office of Just Transition coordinates with the communities being impacted and that it's work is successful.



Section 1

Section 1 requires the Office of Just Transition (OJT) to coordinate with government councils and employee associations that represent coal transition communities and workers, as well as economic development councils formed by the department, to ensure that the department is utilizing the **most** effective strategies to support impacted communities.

Communities are best served when they have a voice in determining what support they need in facing a major economic transition.



Section 2

The bill clarifies that the investment of public funds to offset the socioeconomic impacts from the closure of a coal mine or coal power generating station are not subject to restrictions on investments set for other public funds.



Fiscal Impact

This bill will have no fiscal impact to the state's general fund.



Supporters

- 350 Colorado
- AFSCME
- Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
- Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI)
- Colorado Sierra Club
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Weld County

