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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: Ag Buildings Exempt from Energy Use Reqmnts
DEADLINES: File by: 8/28/2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM ENERGY USE REPORTING**
102 **REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS.**

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/>.)

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee. Under current law, owners of certain large buildings (covered buildings) are required to annually collect and report the covered building's energy use to the Colorado energy office.

The bill clarifies that agricultural buildings are not covered buildings, and, therefore, owners of agricultural buildings are exempt

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

from the energy use collecting and reporting requirements. The bill defines an agricultural building as a building that provides shelter for agricultural implements, farm products, livestock, or poultry and is located on land that is zoned for agricultural uses.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-7-142, **amend**
3 (2)(j)(II)(B) and (2)(j)(II)(C); and **add** (2)(b.5) and (2)(j)(II)(D) as
4 follows:

5 **25-7-142. Energy benchmarking - data collection and access**
6 **- utility requirements - task force - rules - reports - definitions -**
7 **legislative declaration - repeal.** (2) **Definitions.** As used in this section,
8 unless the context otherwise requires:

9 (b.5) "AGRICULTURAL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING LOCATED ON
10 LAND THAT IS ZONED FOR AGRICULTURAL USES, WHICH BUILDING IS USED
11 TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, FARM PRODUCTS,
12 LIVESTOCK, OR POULTRY.

13 (j) (II) "Covered building" does not include:

14 (B) A building in which more than half of the gross floor area is
15 used for ~~manufacturing, industrial, or agricultural purposes; or~~
16 MANUFACTURING OR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES;

17 (C) A single-family home, duplex, or triplex; OR

18 (D) AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

19 **SECTION 2. 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

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.