

HB1105_L.003

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.HB21-1105 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-2-307 as
3 follows:

4 **26-2-307. Fuel assistance payments - eligibility for federal**
5 **standard utility allowance - supplemental utility assistance fund**
6 **created - definitions.** (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, THE
7 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO ADMINISTER THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL UTILITY ASSISTANCE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)
9 OF THIS SECTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO
10 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
11 PROGRAM BENEFITS.

12 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE FUEL ASSISTANCE
13 PAYMENTS TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE STATE THAT RECEIVE BENEFITS
14 UNDER THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO
15 ENSURE THAT THOSE HOUSEHOLDS QUALIFY FOR THE FEDERAL HEATING
16 AND COOLING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.

17 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE FUEL ASSISTANCE
18 PAYMENTS IN AMOUNTS REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET THAT THE
19 ORGANIZATION PREPARES PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-8.7-108 (3) AND THAT
20 THE COMMISSION APPROVES PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-8.5-103.5 (6)(c).

21 (2) (a) THE SUPPLEMENTAL UTILITY ASSISTANCE FUND, REFERRED
22 TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE
23 STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY CREDITED TO THE FUND
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-8.7-108 (2)(b) AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

26 (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
27 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
28 FUND TO THE FUND.

29 (c) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
30 STATE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF
31 THIS SECTION.

32 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
33 REQUIRES:

34 (a) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON
35 LOW-INCOME ENERGY AND WATER ASSISTANCE CREATED IN SECTION
36 40-8.5-103.5 (1).

37 (b) "HEATING AND COOLING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE" IS
38 A STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED IN THE FEDERAL
39 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGULATIONS
40 PROMULGATED BY THE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE IN THE UNITED

1 STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
2 (c) "ORGANIZATION" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
3 40-8.7-103 (4)."

4 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

5 Page 12, line 21, strike "THE" and substitute "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
6 SECTION 40-8.7-108 (2)(b), THE".

7 Page 13, strike line 19 and substitute:

8 "(2) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS
9 SECTION, the organization shall use the MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE".

10 Page 14, after line 3 insert:

11 "(b) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAYMENT AMOUNTS REFLECTED IN
12 THE ORGANIZATION'S BUDGET PREPARED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(b)
13 OF THIS SECTION AND APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON
14 LOW-INCOME ENERGY AND WATER ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION
15 40-8.5-103.5 (6)(c), THE ORGANIZATION SHALL TRANSMIT A PORTION OF
16 THE MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BENEFIT
17 CHARGE TO THE STATE TREASURER AND THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
18 CREDIT THAT AMOUNT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL UTILITY ASSISTANCE FUND
19 CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-307 (2)(a) FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 HUMAN SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26-2-307 (1)."

21 Page 14, line 4, after "(3)" insert "(a)".

22 Page 14, after line 11 insert:

23 "(b) AS PART OF THE BUDGET DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
24 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL
25 CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE
26 SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE TO TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION AND THE AMOUNT OF
28 THE FUEL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
29 SERVICES MAKES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 26-2-307 (1)."

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