

**Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs**

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**SB25-156 Reducing Costs of State Regulation**

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<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Leslie Glustrom Against Clean Energy Action	Dear Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Members  Please oppose Senate Bill 25-156-- "Reducing Costs of State Regulation."  I am very concerned about many aspects of the bill and ask that you not allow the sponsors of this bill to undo years worth of legislative and administrative efforts to protect Coloradans. When state regulations are gutted, then individuals start paying the price personally with their health and their pocketbooks.  I urge you to vote "No" on SB25-156.  Thank you  Leslie Glustrom
Natasha Leger Against Citizens for a Healthy Community	Citizens for a Healthy Community opposes SB25-156, which seeks to roll back the renewable energy transition well underway in Colorado.



SB25-156

Reducing Costs of State Regulation

Sponsors: Sen. Rich, Rep. Keltie

CFI position: AGAINST

My name is Caroline Nutter and I am the legislative coordinator at the Colorado Fiscal Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization that advocates for widespread economic prosperity.

CFI urges an oppose position to this bill. Widespread prosperity requires a robust, competent civil service.

Because of our revenue limitations under TABOR, we already underpay public employees compared to their level of qualification. In fact, we are the 45th in starting teacher salary in the United States — \$5,500 less than the U.S. average. The starting salary of a teacher in Colorado is almost \$5,100 less than the same teacher in Arizona, \$10,000 less than the same teacher in Wyoming, and \$11,5000 less than the same teacher in New Mexico. Most of our school districts are on 4-day school weeks, increasing child care costs for families across the state.

Adding unnecessary review and audit requirements to agencies' occupational standards takes time away from that agency to do what it is supposed to do — help people apply for unemployment insurance, get access to healthcare, open a business, or file their taxes. By adding more burden to these agencies, more people will be on hold for hours, or not gain access to the services they need. This bill would make ordinary peoples' lives less efficient, and degrade their ability to interact with the state government at all.

To not further undermine our already-strained public services in Colorado, vote No on SB-156.

Thank you.



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Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

## **Oppose SB25-156 Reducing Costs of State Regulation (Sen. Rich / Rep. Keltie)**

Dear Chair Weissman, Vice Chair Sullivan and Members of the Committee:

My name is Parks Barroso and I am a clean energy attorney at Western Resource Advocates (WRA), where I advocate for policies that will accelerate decarbonization of the electricity sector, promote the efficient use of clean energy, and support increased electrification in Colorado. WRA has worked for more than 30 years to ensure our communities thrive in balance with nature.

**WRA opposes SB25-156 because it would take a step backward in Colorado's effort to solve our air quality challenges.**

It is widely understood and the General Assembly has recognized that poor air quality not only has substantial adverse health and environmental impacts, but also has adverse impacts on Colorado's economy. To address those challenges, the General Assembly has passed legislation enabling a number of successful policies that are good for Coloradans, good for our air quality, and good for the climate. This bill, without basis, takes aim at many of those successful programs, including the air quality enterprise, the electric school bus program, the energy code board and its model codes, requirements for fence-line and community-based air quality monitoring, and more.

**We respect the intent of Senator Rich, but we believe this bill is the wrong approach for the state.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

**We urge you to vote "no" on SB 156.**

Sincerely,  
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