

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.

HB25-1096 be amended as follows:

1 Strike the Energy and Environment Committee Report, dated February
2 20, 2025, and substitute:

3 "Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 6.

4 Strike pages 3 through 18.

5 Page 19, strike lines 1 through 18 and substitute:

6 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-119, **amend**
7 (2)(b), (3)(b), (3)(c), and (4) as follows:

8 **24-38.5-119. Streamlined solar permitting and inspection**
9 **grant program - creation - eligibility - fund created - gifts, grants, or**
10 **donations - reporting - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

11 (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

12 (b) "Automated permitting and inspection software" OR
13 "AUTOMATED PERMITTING SOFTWARE" means a web-based portal that
14 implements automated plan review, verifies local code compliance, and
15 issues permits for electric power systems that is developed by a national
16 organization focused on clean energy research, development, and
17 deployment in collaboration with building and safety industry experts.

18 (3) The grant program is created to allow an authority having
19 jurisdiction to apply to the office for a grant to help provide
20 implementation support to the authority having jurisdiction for
21 implementation of automated permitting software. In administering the
22 grant program, the office shall:

23 (b) Develop procedures to award a grant to an authority having
24 jurisdiction for expenses expected to be incurred in adopting automated
25 permitting software, including necessary expenses for staff time,
26 information technology, training, installation, third-party consulting,
27 ongoing maintenance for up to three years AFTER THE GRANTEE
28 IMPLEMENTS THE AUTOMATED PERMITTING SOFTWARE, and hardware or
29 equipment;

30 (c) Not award money to an authority having jurisdiction for:

31 (I) Expected costs associated with software other than automated
32 permitting software;

33 (II) Activities occurring before being awarded grant program
34 money; ~~or more than one hundred eighty days after receiving grant~~
35 ~~program money;~~

36 (III) Food and OR beverage costs;

37 (IV) Fines OR penalties;

38 (V) Advertising; or

1 (VI) Permit processing fees, including fees charged by the
2 operator of automated permitting software;
3 (4) (a) The office may use up to nine percent of the money in the
4 fund to ~~cover~~ PAY FOR the direct and indirect costs that the office incurs
5 in administering the grant program.
6 (b) THE OFFICE MAY USE UP TO NINE PERCENT OF THE MONEY
7 REMAINING IN THE FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, TO PAY FOR THE
8 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE OFFICE INCURS IN ADMINISTERING
9 THE GRANT PROGRAM."

10 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

11 Page 1 of the bill, strike lines 102 through 107 and substitute "ENERGY
12 TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS."."

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