

Colorado Coalition for Livable Climate Position on HB19-1261*****With Recommended Amendments*****

The CCLC supports establishing greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. However, we would like to see the goals in HB19-1261 strengthened, for the Air Quality Control Commission to be required to promulgate new rules and regulations well before the end of the 2020 legislative session, and for the Public Utilities Commission to be given the power to determine which actions proposed by utilities under its purview are actually in the public interest. We recommend the following four amendments to the bill. **We cannot support HB19-1261 unless it is modified to include at least the first recommended amendment.**

1. Page 5, line 14: Change "FIFTY-PERCENT" to "SIXTY-THREE PERCENT."
2. Page 5, lines 14 – 16: Insert "AND" between the comma and "A" in line 14, replace the comma with a period in line 15, and strike "AND A NINETY-PERCENT REDUCTION IN STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION BY 2050."
3. Page 6, line 11: Strike "TIMELY" and add "BY FEBRUARY 1, 2020" at the end of the sentence.
4. Page 8, lines 24-25: Strike "ACTIONS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e) SHALL BE PRESUMED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST" and replace with "PUBLIC UTILITIES HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROOF TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION THAT THEIR ACTIONS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTIONS 1(E) ARE NECESSARY AND WILL CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1)(E) IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER WITH MINIMAL POSSIBLE COST TO RATE-PAYERS, HENCE, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST."

