

SB25-181

SUNSET JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY

The Just Transition Advisory Committee was initially set up to guide the state in managing the transition away from coal-dependent industries, ensuring that the economic stability of workers and communities affected by coal industry closures is preserved.

SB25-181 implements a recommendation from the Department of Regulatory Agencies to extend this advisory committee beyond its scheduled termination date of September 1, 2025. The bill proposes to continue the committee until at least September 1, 2030. This committee's work focuses on identifying the impacts of facility closures and job layoffs in coal-related industries and creating strategies to address these issues.

WHY IT MATTERS

Preserves crucial support for coal-dependent communities: The advisory committee provides expertise and recommendations that directly influence policies aimed at supporting displaced workers and communities during the shift away from coal industries.

Ensures ongoing guidance: By extending the committee's life, the bill ensures that the state continues to receive expert advice on how to mitigate economic disruptions caused by industry transitions, thus maintaining a focus on long-term economic stability and prosperity.

Addresses systemic changes: As coal communities are particularly vulnerable, the advisory committee helps to design and implement strategies for economic diversification and workforce retraining, which are essential for the health of these communities moving forward.

SB25-181 is important because it continues to focus state resources on a fair and effective transition plan, which benefits the affected workers and communities, thus promoting broader economic stability across the state.

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