

Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources
 04/19/2023 Upon Adjournment
 SB23-285 Energy & Carbon Management Regulation In Colorado
 Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Elizabeta Stacishin Against herself	<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>I'm deeply concerned that SB23-285 assigns additional powers to a commission that has proven to be more focussed on protecting industry than the welfare of your constituents. I have watched this commission in action for hours– they should not be trusted with more power. Perhaps their intentions are noble, but the upshot is that they routinely succumb to pressure from the oil and gas industry, at our expense.</p> <p>I like the idea of changing the name of the COGCC so it is more in line with its mission. Similarly, the composition of the Commission should also be changed, by adding more commissioners with geothermal and other expertise required by their new responsibilities.</p> <p>Finally, a "study concerning the regulation and permitting of hydrogen" should concern green hydrogen only, or at a minimum include a carbon intensity calculation of the emissions from the electricity sources powering electrolyzers. Working with any other type of hydrogen (with the possible exception of gold hydrogen) would be extremely damaging to the climate. Using methane to power electrolyzers is particularly detrimental because of the massive energy intensity needed in the electrolysis process. This should be avoided at all costs. Here is a recent piece from the Union of Concerned Scientists on hydrogen, please take a minute to read it. https://blog.ucsusa.org/julie-mcnamara/without-sufficient-guardrails-the-hydrogen-tax-credit-could-increase-emissions/</p> <p>Sincerely, Elizabeta Stacishin</p>
Susan Permut Against herself	<p>SB23-285 renames the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission the "Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission" and gives it many additional tasks and authorities. This massive and questionable bill has been rushed through the legislature with little or no public input. This is a bad idea. Please take more time to consider this bill and let the public know what is in it and how it should work. Thank you.</p>
Kevin Cross Against herself	<p>Dear Members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee -</p> <p>I urge you to vote "No" on SB23-285 Energy And Carbon Management Regulation In Colorado. This is too sweeping a bill to try to ram through the General Assembly at the last minutes, and gives too much power to an agency (the COGCC) that has been doing a very poor job of protecting public health and the environment since its reformation following passage of SB19-181.</p>

	<p>Much more public engagement is needed to pass a bill of this magnitude. Please reject it today when it comes before your committee.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kevin Cross</p>
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