

## **UPDATE: COLORADO CLIMATE BILL**

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### **House Bill 1261: Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution**

***(Updated) Concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution, and, in connection therewith, establishing statewide greenhouse gas pollution reduction goals and making an appropriation.***

**STATUS: Sent to Senate Appropriations Committee**

#### **Summary (updated)**

*Section 1:* Sets statewide goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions 26% by 2025, 50% by 2030, and 90% by 2050 (from 2005 levels).

*Section 2:* Defines “statewide greenhouse gas pollution” to include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, nitrogen trifluoride, and sulfur hexafluoride.

*Section 3:* Lists considerations for the air quality control commission to take into account when implementing policies, including: benefits of compliance and equitable distribution of benefits, costs of compliance, opportunities to incentivize clean energy in transitioning communities, and potential to enhance resilience to climate impacts. The commission will consult with the public utilities commission re: rules that affect the providers of retail electricity.

*Section 4:* Appropriates \$281,588 from the general fund to the department of public health and environment to implement the bill, of which \$93,267 is reappropriated to the department of law.

#### **Past Progression**

3/21/2019 - Introduced In House - Assigned to Energy & Environment

4/5/2019 - House Committee on Energy & Environment Refer Amended to Appropriations

4/9/2019 - House Committee on Appropriations Refer Amended to House Committee of the Whole

4/15/2019 - House Second Reading Passed with Amendments - Committee, Floor

4/15/2019 - House Third Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments

4/16/2019 - House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

4/22/2019 - Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

4/22/2019 - Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Refer Amended to Appropriations

**Bill Text (updated):** <https://bit.ly/2Vl6pKJ>

**Sponsors:** Rep. KC Becker (House Speaker, D - HD13), Rep. Dominique Jackson (Chair of the House Energy and Environment Committee, D - HD42), Sen. Faith Winter (D - SD24), Sen. Angela Williams (D - SD33)

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