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HOUSE BILL 17-1366

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Arndt and Winter,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE MEASURABLE GOALS THAT
102 ARE SUBJECT TO DEADLINES IN COLORADO'S CLIMATE ACTION
103 PLAN.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires:

- ! The state climate action plan to include specific, measurable goals, the achievement of which will both reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions and increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- change, along with associated near-term, mid-term, and long-term deadlines to achieve the goals; and
- ! The annual climate report to the general assembly to include an analysis of the progress made in meeting the measurable goals and deadlines specified in the plan.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-20-111, **amend**
3 (2)(a) and (3)(a) as follows:

4 **24-20-111. Climate change position created - duties - report.**

5 (2) The duties of the position created pursuant to subsection (1) of this
6 section include, at a minimum:

7 (a) Development and periodic update of a climate action plan or
8 similar document that sets forth a strategy, including specific policy
9 recommendations AND MEASURABLE GOALS BASED ON THE BEST
10 AVAILABLE SCIENCE THAT ARE AT LEAST AS AMBITIOUS AS THE GOALS
11 ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 004 08, THE
12 ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH WILL BOTH REDUCE COLORADO'S GREENHOUSE
13 GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASE COLORADO'S ADAPTIVE CAPABILITY TO
14 RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED NEAR-TERM,
15 MID-TERM, AND LONG-TERM DEADLINES TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, that the
16 state could use to address climate change and reduce its greenhouse gas
17 emissions; and

18 (3) (a) The governor or his or her designee shall submit an annual
19 report to the house agriculture, livestock, and natural resources
20 committee, the house transportation and energy committee, and the senate
21 agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee, or any successor
22 committees, on climate change issues generally, the current climate action
23 plan developed under this section, and the specific ways in which climate

1 change affects the state. The report:

2 (I) May address, as appropriate, the correlations between climate
3 change and wildfires, bark beetle infestation, snowpack, water storage,
4 drought, and statewide emissions of greenhouse gases; ~~The report~~ AND

5 (II) Shall include:

6 (A) Information regarding efforts to reduce emissions of gases
7 and to reform practices known to exacerbate climate change effects;

8 (B) ~~The report shall also include~~ Additional prospective proposals
9 to prepare the state for the effects of climate change and proposals to
10 further reduce the factors that contribute to climate change within
11 Colorado; AND

12 (C) AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN MEETING THE
13 MEASURABLE GOALS SPECIFIED IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING
14 WHETHER COLORADO IS ON TRACK TO MEET THE NEAR-TERM, MID-TERM,
15 AND LONG-TERM DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN THE PLAN.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.