

HB22-1394

Fund for Just Transition Community & Worker Supports

Representatives Esgar, Roberts, Will & Senators Winter, Donovan

About HB22-1394

- This bill funds the Colorado Office of Just Transition, tasked to support the workers and economic future for the communities impacted by Colorado's energy development transition.
- We are the first state to develop and implement, through a comprehensive stakeholder process, a statewide strategy to ensure a just transition for both Colorado's coal workers and coal dependent communities through HB19-1314 in 2019. This bill provides more funding to advance this strategy.

Goals

- It is critical that we do everything possible to ensure that the Colorado workforce is at the forefront of the shift and the innovative opportunities accompanying it.
- The communities that play a vital role in powering our state cannot be left behind as we transition to sustainable practices and industries to energize Colorado and diversify rural economies.

Achieved By

- \$10 million to the coal transition workforce assistance program to assist worker training, reeducation, job placement, and other worker-specific efforts.
- \$5 million for grants to eligible coal transitioning communities for capital projects and economic development projects.

This will be accomplished by transferring:

- **\$15M** from the general fund comprised of:
 - **\$5M** allocated to the just transition cash fund
 - **\$10M** allocated to the coal transition workforce assistance program account

Supporters:

- Tri-State Generation and Transmission
- Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
- Colorado Sierra Club
- Western Colorado Alliance