

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 20, 2025

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Chair of Committee

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Date

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1096 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Strike the Energy and Environment Committee Report, dated February  
2 20, 2025, and substitute:

3 "Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 6.

4 Strike pages 3 through 18.

5 Page 19, strike lines 1 through 18 and substitute:

6 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-38.5-119, amend  
7 (2)(b), (3)(b), (3)(c), and (4) as follows:

8 **24-38.5-119. Streamlined solar permitting and inspection**  
9 **grant program - creation - eligibility - fund created - gifts, grants, or**  
10 **donations - reporting - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal.**

11 (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

12 (b) "Automated permitting and inspection software" OR  
13 "AUTOMATED PERMITTING SOFTWARE" means a web-based portal that  
14 implements automated plan review, verifies local code compliance, and  
15 issues permits for electric power systems that is developed by a national  
16 organization focused on clean energy research, development, and  
17 deployment in collaboration with building and safety industry experts.

18 (3) The grant program is created to allow an authority having  
19 jurisdiction to apply to the office for a grant to help provide  
20 implementation support to the authority having jurisdiction for  
21 implementation of automated permitting software. In administering the  
22 grant program, the office shall:

23 (b) Develop procedures to award a grant to an authority having  
24 jurisdiction for expenses expected to be incurred in adopting automated  
25 permitting software, including necessary expenses for staff time,

1 information technology, training, installation, third-party consulting,  
2 ongoing maintenance for up to three years AFTER THE GRANTEE  
3 IMPLEMENTS THE AUTOMATED PERMITTING SOFTWARE, and hardware or  
4 equipment;  
5 (c) Not award money to an authority having jurisdiction for:  
6 (I) Expected costs associated with software other than automated  
7 permitting software;  
8 (II) Activities occurring before being awarded grant program  
9 money; ~~or more than one hundred eighty days after receiving grant~~  
10 ~~program money;~~  
11 (III) Food ~~and~~ OR beverage costs;  
12 (IV) Fines OR penalties;  
13 (V) Advertising; or  
14 (VI) Permit processing fees, including fees charged by the  
15 operator of automated permitting software;  
16 (4) (a) The office may use up to nine percent of the money in the  
17 fund to ~~cover~~ PAY FOR the direct and indirect costs that the office incurs  
18 in administering the grant program.  
19 (b) THE OFFICE MAY USE UP TO NINE PERCENT OF THE MONEY  
20 REMAINING IN THE FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, TO PAY FOR THE  
21 DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS THAT THE OFFICE INCURS IN ADMINISTERING  
22 THE GRANT PROGRAM."

23 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

24 Page 1, strike lines 102 through 107 and substitute "ENERGY  
25 TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS."."

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