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**HOUSE BILL 24-1366**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Froelich and Brown,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Transportation, Housing & Local Government  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY**  
102 **PLANNING.**

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**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>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill requires state agencies to prioritize awarding grants that satisfy a list of criteria described in the bill.

**Sections 2 and 3** require, beginning January 1, 2025, upon updating a county or municipal master plan, a county or municipality (local government) to include a climate action element in its master plan. A climate action element must include climate-related goals, plans, or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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strategies and a description of any money from the federal, state, or a local government that a local government has received for the implementation of any of the plans or goals described in the climate action element.

The bill requires a local government to provide the Colorado energy office (office) with the climate action element and then requires the office to deliver a copy of any climate element it receives to the department of local affairs, the Colorado department of transportation (CDOT), and any other state agency that the office determines.

**Section 4** requires CDOT to coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations to establish criteria that define growth corridors and identify these growth corridors. Having identified these growth corridors, the department and metropolitan planning organizations shall coordinate with local governments to develop transportation demand management plans for these growth corridors.

**Section 5** makes 2 changes related to the statewide transportation plan. First, the bill requires the statewide transportation plan to include:

- An examination of the impact of transportation decisions on land use patterns;
- The identification of highway segments where promotion of context-sensitive highway permitting and design can encourage the development of dense, walkable, and mixed-use neighborhoods in transit-oriented centers and neighborhood centers; and
- An emphasis on integrating planning efforts within CDOT to support multimodal transportation, neighborhood centers, and transit-oriented centers in infill areas as well as growth corridors through the associated transportation demand management corridor planning.

Second, the bill requires CDOT to conduct a study in connection with the statewide transportation plan that identifies:

- Policy barriers and opportunities for the implementation of context-sensitive design, complete streets, and pedestrian-bicycle safety measures in locally-identified urban centers and neighborhood centers; and
- The portions of state highways that pass through locally identified transit-oriented centers and neighborhood centers that are candidates for context-sensitive design, complete streets, and pedestrian-bicycle safety measures.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-38.5-123** as

1 follows:

2 **24-38.5-123. Prioritization criteria for state programs.** (1) THE  
3 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SHALL  
5 CONDUCT, OR CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO CONDUCT, A  
6 STUDY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, ON:

7 (a) THE FEASIBILITY OF, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR,  
8 ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION;

9 (b) THE FEASIBILITY OF PRIORITIZING CERTAIN STATE GRANTS AND  
10 FUNDS BASED ON A GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION;

11 (c) BEST PRACTICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, AND  
12 NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
13 COMMUNITY PLANS; AND

14 (d) HOW STATE AGENCIES COULD ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN  
15 THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE LOCAL  
16 GOVERNMENT PLANS, INCLUDING THROUGH ASSISTING LOCAL  
17 GOVERNMENTS APPLYING FOR RELEVANT GRANT AWARDS AND SEEKING TO  
18 QUALIFY FOR OR CLAIM STATE AND FEDERAL TAX CREDITS; AND

19 (e) BARRIERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ACTION AT THE  
20 STATE LEVEL, AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THOSE BARRIERS.

21 (2) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN CERTIFICATION SYSTEM, AS  
22 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IS A SYSTEM IN WHICH  
23 STATE AGENCIES PRIORITIZE AWARDED STATE GRANTS AND FUNDS TO  
24 THOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GREEN  
25 CERTIFICATION BASED ON THE:

26 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES  
27 AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND STRATEGIC GROWTH

1 GOALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

2 (3) A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY PLAN, AS

3 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS

4 NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

5 (a) GOALS, PLANS, AND STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING:

6 (I) REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION IN FURTHERANCE OF

7 THE GOVERNOR'S "COLORADO GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION

8 ROADMAP 2.0" RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024, OR AS AMENDED OR

9 SUPERSEDED BY A NEW VERSION THEREAFTER;

10 (II) CONVERTING MOTOR VEHICLES TO ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES;

11 (III) SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE

12 CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE;

13 (IV) REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM WASTE THROUGH POLICIES AND

14 PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING, INCREASE

15 WASTE DIVERSION RATES, AND REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM WASTE HAULING;

16 (V) ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR REDUCED PER CAPITA VEHICLE

17 MILES TRAVELED;

18 (VI) REDUCING PER CAPITA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED THROUGH

19 METHODS INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT, ENCOURAGING

20 EMPLOYER COMMUTE PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOPING BICYCLE AND

21 PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE;

22 (VII) REDUCING PER CAPITA VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, BUILDING

23 ENERGY USE, AND EMISSIONS FROM CONVERSION OF NATURAL AND

24 WORKING LANDS BY UPDATING LOCAL LAND USE CODES TO ALLOW AND

25 ENCOURAGE COMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND MINIMIZE GREENFIELD

26 DEVELOPMENT;

27 (VIII) PROTECTING OR RESTORING THE TREE CANOPY;

1 (IX) SUPPORTING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT;

2 (X) MITIGATING VULNERABILITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL  
3 DEGRADATION OR CLIMATE CHANGE SUCH AS AN INCREASED RISK OF  
4 DROUGHT, FLOOD, OR WILDFIRE;

5 (XI) REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
6 THROUGH METHODS INCLUDING ADOPTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUILDING  
7 CODES AND ENCOURAGING BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION; AND

8 (XII) ANY OTHER CLIMATE-RELATED GOALS, PLANS, OR  
9 STRATEGIES; AND

10 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL  
11 GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT THE LOCAL  
12 GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED FOR IMPLEMENTING A GOAL, PLAN, OR  
13 STRATEGY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.