



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Rep. Curry**Bill Status:** Senate Local Government & Energy**Fiscal Analyst:** Marc Carey (303-866-4102)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONS TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE GRADUATED RATES FOR INCREASED ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes cooperative electric associations (CEAs) to approve any revenue-neutral rate, charge, service, classification or facility that establishes a graduated rate for increased energy consumption by residential customers. The bill specifies that the implementation of such rates must give due consideration to impacts on low-income customers. Finally, the bill allows associations to utilize community energy funds for energy efficiency, energy conservation, weatherization, and renewable energy purposes. The bill will become effective 90 days after adjournment (August 4, 2009 if adjournment is May 6, 2009) unless a referendum petition is filed.

**Assessment**

This bill authorizes CEAs to implement graduated rates for increased residential energy consumption, and utilize community energy funds. Neither of these items will involve additional workload for the Colorado Public Utilities Commission or any other state agency. Thus, this bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Departments Contacted**

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