

HB1121\_L.004

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Transportation.HB12-1121 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-124, amend  
4 (1) (c) (I) (E) as follows:

5 **40-2-124. Renewable energy standard - definitions - net**  
6 **metering - legislative declaration.** (1) Each provider of retail electric  
7 service in the state of Colorado, other than municipally owned utilities  
8 that serve forty thousand customers or fewer, shall be considered a  
9 qualifying retail utility. Each qualifying retail utility, with the exception  
10 of cooperative electric associations that have voted to exempt themselves  
11 from commission jurisdiction pursuant to section 40-9.5-104 and  
12 municipally owned utilities, shall be subject to the rules established under  
13 this article by the commission. No additional regulatory authority of the  
14 commission other than that specifically contained in this section is  
15 provided or implied. In accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., the  
16 commission shall revise or clarify existing rules to establish the  
17 following:

18 (c) Electric resource standards:

19 (I) Except as provided in subparagraph (V) of this paragraph (c),  
20 the electric resource standards shall require each qualifying retail utility  
21 to generate, or cause to be generated, electricity from eligible energy  
22 resources in the following minimum amounts:

23 (E) Thirty percent of its retail electricity sales in Colorado for the  
24 years 2020 and thereafter, with distributed generation equaling at least  
25 three percent of its retail electricity sales; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE  
26 COMMISSION FINDS THAT ACHIEVING THESE STANDARDS WOULD CREATE  
27 AN UNDUE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON RATEPAYERS, THE COMMISSION MAY  
28 SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (E) FOR UP  
29 TO TEN YEARS.

30 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 40-3-106.5 as  
31 follows:

32 **40-3-106.5. Ratepayers' bill of rights - guidelines for**  
33 **commission - legislative declaration.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS,  
34 DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT THE INTERESTS OF WORKING  
35 COLORADO FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND OTHER CONSUMERS OF THE  
36 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE  
37 OFTEN NOT ADEQUATELY RECOGNIZED IN THE COMMISSION'S



1 PROCEEDINGS. THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE  
2 INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES TO SHARE TRANSPARENT AND  
3 UNDERSTANDABLE RATE INCREASE INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC WHEN  
4 MAKING A RATE INCREASE REQUEST, INCLUDING USING ADVANCED  
5 INFORMATION PROCESSING CAPABILITIES TO ESTIMATE, UPON REQUEST,  
6 THE MONTHLY COST TO IDENTIFIED GROUPS OF CUSTOMERS RATHER THAN  
7 ONLY TO A HYPOTHETICAL AVERAGE CUSTOMER. THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
8 KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "UTILITY RATEPAYERS' BILL OF  
9 RIGHTS".

10       **SECTION 3. Applicability.** The provisions of this act apply to  
11 all cases filed on or after the effective date of this act.

12       **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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