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HOUSE BILL 10-1052

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE RECYCLING RESOURCES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
102 FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, EXTENDING THE LIFE
103 OF THE FUND.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Section 2 of the bill eliminates the July 1, 2010, repeal date for the existing statutory section creating the solid waste user fee.

Section 3 of the bill eliminates the July 1, 2010, repeal date for the existing statutory section creating the recycling resources economic

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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opportunity fund.

Section 4 of the bill eliminates the July 1, 2010, repeal date for the existing statutory section creating the recycling resources economic opportunity program.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

4 (a) The recycling resources economic opportunity program in the
5 Colorado department of public health and environment, hereinafter cited
6 as "RREOP", has generated both environmental and economic benefits
7 to the state. Specifically, the recycling resources economic opportunity
8 fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund", has successfully distributed
9 grants of approximately two million six hundred thousand dollars in the
10 prior two years to local governments and businesses throughout the state
11 to assist in the development of recycling infrastructure. Communities that
12 have benefited from the grant program include Aurora, Boulder,
13 Centennial, Commerce City, Creede, Denver, Dillon, Dolores, Durango,
14 Eaton, Fort Collins, Fruita, Grand Junction, Greeley, Holyoke, Julesberg,
15 Kiowa, Lakewood, Milner, Sterling, Telluride, and Westcliffe.

16 (b) The RREOP helps existing businesses make use of recycled
17 materials generated in the state and provides markets for recycled
18 material and increased recycling in the state. The fund contributes to job
19 growth in recycling and should be continued. As a result of these
20 investments, sixty-three new permanent jobs have been created. Jobs
21 created through recycling efforts require the full spectrum of labor
22 positions, from low to highly skilled. In addition, for state fiscal year
23 2009, data shows that the one million three hundred seventy-six thousand

1 dollars in grant payments made for that year has been reinvested in the
2 state's economy in the form of payments to contractors, engineers,
3 consultants, and other service providers and has been used to purchase
4 equipment and materials.

5 (c) The fund should be continued because recycling:

6 (I) Saves energy and reduces pollution by reducing the need for
7 extracting and transporting natural resources;

8 (II) Allows for the reuse of materials and limits the use of finite
9 resources, thereby conserving such resources for future generations;

10 (III) Contributes to the sustainability of the planet's resources; and

11 (IV) Is shown to reduce the generation of greenhouse gases and
12 contributes to the preservation of natural resources such as forests that are
13 directly related to the control of greenhouse gases through carbon
14 sequestration.

15 (d) Colorado lags behind other states in state moneys expended on
16 recycling. Only within the past two years has a state agency been charged
17 with any responsibility for tracking or supporting recycling efforts within
18 the state.

19 (e) Private businesses, local governments, and nonprofit entities
20 currently make recycling collection available to some residents and
21 businesses, thereby contributing to the state's overall waste diversion.
22 However, many rural areas within the state are unable to support
23 recycling programs without assistance because of the costs associated
24 with the collection and transport of the materials. The fund should be
25 continued because it will continue to assist local governments, especially
26 in smaller communities, in establishing recycling programs and related
27 infrastructure.

1 (f) The provisions of House Bill 10-_____ will assist the state in
2 achieving its potential in the recycling of discarded materials, materially
3 advance economic development and job growth, and help to preserve the
4 state's natural beauty.

5 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 25-16-104.5 (6), Colorado Revised
6 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

7 **25-16-104.5. Solid waste user fee - imposed - rate - direction**
8 **- legislative declaration.** (6) ~~This section is repealed, effective July 1,~~
9 ~~2010.~~

10 **SECTION 3. Repeal.** 25-16.5-106.5 (5), Colorado Revised
11 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

12 **25-16.5-106.5. Recycling resources economic opportunity fund**
13 **- creation.** (5) ~~This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2010.~~

14 **SECTION 4. Repeal.** 25-16.5-106.7 (8), Colorado Revised
15 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

16 **25-16.5-106.7. Recycling resources economic opportunity**
17 **program - grants - loans - definitions.** (8) ~~This section is repealed,~~
18 ~~effective July 1, 2010.~~

19 **SECTION 5. Specified effective date.** This act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2010.

21 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.