

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

May 2, 2012
Date

Committee on Health and Human Services.

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

SB12-183 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

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

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-108, **add** (3)
4 as follows:

5 **40-2-108. Rules - repeal.** (3) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL
6 REQUIRE NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO ITS
7 JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON LOW-INCOME ENERGY
8 ASSISTANCE, CREATED IN SECTION 40-8.5-103.5, DATA CONCERNING
9 NOTIFICATION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL
10 CUSTOMERS TO ASSIST WITH THE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW REQUIRED BY
11 SECTION 40-8.5-103.5 (5).

12 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-8.5-103.5, **add** (5)
14 as follows:

15 **40-8.5-103.5. Commission created - duties - repeal.** (5) (a) ON
16 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2013, THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE HOUSE
19 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE
20 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,
21 CONCERNING ANY NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO EXISTING
22 MEASURES INTENDED TO PREVENT THE DISCONTINUANCE OF RESIDENTIAL
23 ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE DURING PERIODS OF EXTREME

1 WEATHER. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER CURRENT PRACTICES,
2 POLICIES, AND RULES THAT ADDRESS THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE TO
3 LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, INCLUDING VENDOR AGREEMENT
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
5 CREATED IN SECTION 40-8.7-104, RULES OF THE COLORADO PUBLIC
6 UTILITIES COMMISSION CONCERNING DISCONTINUANCE OF NATURAL GAS
7 AND ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE AND LOW-INCOME RATE RELIEF, AND
8 CURRENT UTILITY PRACTICES.

9 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW DATA PROVIDED BY UTILITIES
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-108 (3) TO ASSESS THE IMPACT THAT
11 EXISTING UTILITY RULES, AGREEMENTS, AND POLICIES HAVE ON
12 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.

13 (c) THE COMMISSION MAY SEEK AND RECEIVE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
14 FUNDING TO ASSIST IN THE CONDUCT OF THE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW
15 REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), INCLUDING
16 ASSISTANCE FROM THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 HUMAN SERVICES, CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-120, C.R.S., THE EXISTING
18 RESOURCES OF THE COLORADO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND THE
19 RESOURCES OF ENERGY OUTREACH COLORADO, A COLORADO NONPROFIT
20 CORPORATION, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 40-8.7-112 (2) (a).

21 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014.

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

25 Page 1, strike lines 102 and 103 and substitute: "**CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL**
26 **CUSTOMERS' UTILITY SERVICE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
27 **DIRECTING THE COMMISSION ON LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO**
28 **REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING MEASURES**
29 **CONCERNING DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE AND LOW-INCOME RATE**
30 **RELIEF.**".

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