



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING INCLUSION UNDER THE RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD'S DEFINITION OF RECYCLED ENERGY SUCH ENERGY THAT COMBUSTS GAS GENERATED FROM SYNTHETIC GAS DERIVED FROM WASTE MATERIALS THROUGH PYROLYSIS AS THE FUEL SOURCE FOR GENERATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 8, 2012, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Recycled energy, defined in current law as electricity derived from heat or exhaust from a generation unit with a nameplate capacity of 15 megawatts or less, is a type of eligible energy resource that may be used to meet Colorado's renewable portfolio standard (RPS). This bill adds electricity produced through the combustion of synthetic gas derived from waste materials through pyrolysis (thermal breakdown) at such a generation unit to the statutory definition of recycled energy resource.

State Expenditures

Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC will have to make minor modifications to the rules related to the RPS. As no evidentiary hearing is required, these modification can be accomplished within existing budgetary resources.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies