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HOUSE BILL 15-1381

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL.**

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>.)

The bill continues the office of consumer counsel for 11 years to 2026.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 (46) (g) and (46) (h); and **add** (57) as follows:

2 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
3 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

4 (46) The following agencies, functions, or both shall terminate on July
5 1, 2015:

6 (g) ~~The office of consumer counsel, created in article 6.5 of title~~
7 ~~40, C.R.S.;~~

8 (h) ~~The utility consumers' board, created in article 6.5 of title 40,~~
9 ~~C.R.S.;~~

10 (57) THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES, FUNCTIONS, OR BOTH, TERMINATE
11 ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026:

12 (a) THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, CREATED IN ARTICLE 6.5
13 OF TITLE 40, C.R.S.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 40-6.5-108
15 as follows:

16 **40-6.5-108. Office of consumer counsel and utility consumers'**
17 **board subject to termination.** (1) Unless continued by the general
18 assembly:

19 (b.5) ~~The utility consumers' board shall terminate on July 1, 2015.~~

20 (c) The office of consumer counsel ~~shall terminate~~ TERMINATES
21 on ~~July 1, 2015~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

22 (2) The provisions of section 24-34-104, C.R.S., concerning the
23 termination schedule for regulatory bodies of the state unless extended as
24 provided in that section, are applicable to the office of consumer counsel.
25 ~~and the utility consumers' board.~~

26 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.