



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 06-032

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Plant, Benefield, Buescher, Coleman, Frangas, Hodge, Kerr A., Liston, Madden, Marshall, Paccione, Riesberg, Romanoff, Solano, Todd, Vigil, and Weissmann.

CONCERNING THE GREENING OF STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly of the state of Colorado are the stewards of our state's economy and environment and our children's future, and are empowered to seek opportunities and solutions that enhance all aspects of our statewide community; and

WHEREAS, Residential and commercial buildings account for a significant portion of the energy, water, and timber consumed, as well as municipal solid waste and greenhouse gases generated, in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado, through its agencies and departments, oversees the funding, design, construction, and/or operation of numerous buildings; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program (LEED) provides high-performance and high-efficiency building guidelines, measurable standards, and independent verification for new construction and renovation of existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, LEED-certified buildings produce substantial financial

benefits because they save an average of 30% of the energy and water consumption of a conventional building, encourage the use of local building materials, perform at a lower annual operating cost, create jobs in the local community, provide a healthier indoor environment, increase occupant productivity, and have been shown to improve student performance by as much as one letter grade; and

WHEREAS, Governor Owens has signed Executive Order D 005 05 to green state government and has directed Colorado agencies and departments to adopt LEED standards for new construction and existing buildings; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That the General Assembly supports the use of LEED as a design and construction guideline for all public and private facilities in order to produce high performance, healthy buildings;

(2) That the General Assembly urges the state of Colorado and its agencies and departments to design and construct facilities to achieve LEED silver certification to the extent it is cost-effective as a choice in design, construction, and renovation in order to provide operational and/or other savings over a twenty-year period; and

(3) That the General Assembly applauds and encourages the efforts of Governor Owens and the Greening Government Coordinating Council to make state government more efficient and high performing.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor Bill Owens, the Greening Government Coordinating Council, and the Executive Directors of each state department.

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