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STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 01-0580.01 Duane Gall

**HOUSE BILL 01-1087**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None)**

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**House Committees**  
State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Directs the office of state planning and budgeting to consult with other state administrative agencies and coordinate efforts under federally funded programs to promote environmental justice, which is defined as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to environmental laws and policies.

Incorporates environmental justice principles into the statutes that create the department of public health and environment. Calls upon the department to develop a model mission statement for boards, divisions, and offices within the department.

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.*

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

2           **SECTION 1.** 24-37-201, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to  
4 read:

5           **24-37-201. State planning - responsibilities - definition.**

6 (3) THE OFFICE SHALL SERVE AS THE COORDINATING AGENCY IN STATE  
7 GOVERNMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND, AS SUCH,  
8 SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

9           (a) CONSULT WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL  
11 AFFAIRS, THE COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,  
13 AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES AS WELL AS INTERESTED  
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THIS STATE;

15           (b) COORDINATE THE OFFICE'S EFFORTS AND SHARE INFORMATION  
16 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS WITH THE COUNCIL ON  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
18 PROTECTION AGENCY, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF  
19 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES; AND

20           (c) REVIEW AND EVALUATE ANY INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL  
21 AGENCIES THAT IS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE  
22 REGULATORY ACTIVITIES UNDER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898.

23           (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE" MEANS  
24 THE FAIR TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, CULTURES, AND INCOMES  
25 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND  
26 ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES.



1 AMONG, PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SOCIOECONOMIC CLASSIFICATIONS.

2 **25-6.5-302. Mission statement.** ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2002,  
3 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
4 ENVIRONMENT SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MISSION  
5 STATEMENT FOR BOARDS, DIVISIONS, AND OFFICES WITHIN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3, "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE"  
7 MEANS THE FAIR TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, CULTURES, AND  
8 INCOMES WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION,  
9 IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS,  
10 REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES.

11 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
12 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
13 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
14 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state  
15 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act  
16 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,  
17 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the  
18 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the  
19 governor.