



## [HB23-1282](#)

**SHORT TITLE:** Protect Consumers from Additional Entities

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning persons subject to the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act", and, in connection therewith, expanding the definition of "person" used for purposes of the act to include a public utility.

**SPONSORS:** Rep. Kipp/Sen. Priola

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To make public utilities subject to the Consumer Protection Act and allow the Attorney General to undertake enforcement actions for violations. Intent: perhaps to prevent price gouging?

**COMMITTEES:** House Energy & Environment Committees

**PROPOSERS OF THE BILL:** Consumer advocates?

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Electric and gas utilities, Water utilities, Transportation companies?

**BACKGROUND:** N/A

**Is this bill necessary this year?** There is no deadline.

**How does the bill change current law:** The bill adds "public utility" to the definition of person who may be subject to enforcement for violating the Consumer Protection Act.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No

**How is the bill implemented?** It is self-executing. Presumably, an individual who believes a public utility has violated provisions of the Consumer Protection Act could file a complaint with the AG's office or the local District Attorney.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal note; it is difficult to predict how many people might file complaints requiring investigation and legal action to enforce.