



SB19-096

SHORT TITLE: Collect Long-term Climate Change Data

LONG TITLE: Concerning the collection of greenhouse gas emissions data to facilitate the implementation of measures that would most cost-effectively allow the state to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals

SPONSORS: Rep. C. Hansen | Sen. K. Donovan

COMMITTEES: Senate Transportation & Energy Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To address climate change by requiring the Air Quality Control Commission to collect data on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, report on the date, and adopt rules governing 1) reporting emissions and 2) measures to reduce emissions.

PROPONENTS OF THE BILL: Governor's office, environmental organizations

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Governor's office, environmental organizations, local governments, energy producers, agriculture, water providers, electric utilities, manufacturers, vehicle manufacturers and dealers, transportation officials

BACKGROUND: The state of Colorado already has a greenhouse gas inventory and Climate Plan. This bill calls for enhanced data collection and reporting that mirrors the federal GHG reporting requirements.

Is this bill necessary this year? No

How does the bill change current law? It adds requirements to existing statute and Executive Orders and directs the Air Quality Control Commission to conduct rulemaking which may impact entities not currently under the Commission jurisdiction

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No

How is the bill implemented? The Air Quality Control Commission is directed to improve data collection under an existing system and propose a rule by Dec. 31, 2019 requiring emitting sources that must report, using those under the federal rule or expanding the class of reporting entities. By Dec. 31, 2020 the Commission must propose a rule to implement measures that would most cost-effectively allow the state to meet its GHG reduction goals.

Practical considerations: Greenhouse gas emissions come from a wide variety of sources, some of which are not under the jurisdiction of the Air Quality Control Commission (for example are related to building codes, agricultural practices, etc.). The bill calls for a rule to be proposed by 2020 to implement measures that would allow the state to meet its GHG reduction goals. However, Any effective strategy will require a broad range of activities dealing with all aspects of the economy and will require significant planning and implementation time. The time frame set forth in the bill is too short for adequate consideration.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact statement is provided, but implementation of the bill will certainly have a fiscal impact, even if it builds on an existing program.

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