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SENATE BILL 25-181

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY**
102 **COMMITTEE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING**
103 **THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 2024 SUNSET**
104 **REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.**

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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee. The bill implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies in its sunset review and report on the just transition

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
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advisory committee (advisory committee) to continue the advisory committee. The advisory committee is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2025, but the bill continues the advisory committee indefinitely.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal** (16)(a)(V); and add (21)(a)(II) as follows:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative declaration - definition - repeal. (16) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2025:

(V) ~~The just transition advisory committee created in section 8-83-503 (6);~~

(21) (a) The following statutory authorizations for designated advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2030:

(II) THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 8-83-503 (6).

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-83-503, **amend** (3)(a), (4) introductory portion, (6)(a), (6)(c) introductory portion, (6)(d) introductory portion, (6)(e)(III)(A), and (6)(i); repeal (6)(b); and add (3)(a.5) and (6)(e.5) as follows:

8-83-503. Just transition office - advisory committee. (3) It is the purpose of the office to:

(a) Identify or estimate, to the extent practicable, the timing and location of facility closures and job layoffs in coal-related industries and their impact on affected workers, businesses, and coal transition communities and make recommendations to the just transition advisory committee, as part of its work outlined in subsection (6) of this section;

1 ~~as to how the office can most effectively respond to these economic~~
2 ~~dislocations~~ REGULARLY CONSULT WITH THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION ON ISSUES
4 RELATED TO ADDRESSING THESE IMPACTS IN A MANNER THAT BEST
5 ENSURES CONTINUED ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR
6 IMPACTED WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES DURING AND AFTER THE
7 TRANSITION AWAY FROM COAL AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER;

8 (a.5) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS TO MAXIMIZE THE
9 ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF COAL WORKERS AND
10 COMMUNITIES THROUGH A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN OR
11 CONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 5, GIVING STRONG CONSIDERATION TO
12 STRATEGIES RECOMMENDED BY THE JUST TRANSITION ADVISORY
13 COMMITTEE;

14 ~~(4) Based on the draft just transition plan recommended by~~
15 ~~PRIMARILY ON THE ADVICE OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM the JUST~~
16 ~~TRANSITION advisory committee, pursuant to subsection (6) of this~~
17 ~~section, and with the approval of the executive director of the department~~
18 ~~and the executive director of the department of local affairs, on or before~~
19 ~~December 31, 2020, the director shall submit to the governor and the~~
20 ~~general assembly a just transition plan for Colorado. THE DIRECTOR~~
21 ~~SHALL SUBMIT UPDATES TO THE PLAN AS NEEDED. This plan, AND ANY~~
22 ~~UPDATES TO THE PLAN, must include, at a minimum:~~

23 (6) (a) There is hereby created the just transition advisory
24 committee to develop and recommend a just transition plan for the state
25 of Colorado AND TO ADVISE THE OFFICE OF JUST TRANSITION CONCERNING
26 THE OFFICE'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART 5.

27 ~~(b) On or before July 1, 2020, the advisory committee shall~~

1 present a draft just transition plan to the executive director of the
2 department and the executive director of the department of local affairs.

3 (c) In developing the draft just transition plan ADVISING AND
4 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF JUST TRANSITION, the
5 advisory committee shall consider options to:

6 (d) In developing the draft just transition plan THE ADVISORY
7 COMMITTEE'S ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS, the advisory committee
8 shall identify and consider:

9 (e) The advisory committee consists of the following members:

10 (III) The following members appointed by the director:

11 (A) ~~Three~~ FIVE representatives of coal transition workers, AT
12 LEAST ONE OF WHOM MUST WORK AT A COAL MINE AND AT LEAST ONE OF
13 WHOM MUST WORK AT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY;

14 (e.5) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMPOSITION OF
15 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6)(e) OF THIS
16 SECTION IS AS GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING
17 MEMBERS FROM EACH TIER ONE TRANSITION COMMUNITY.

18 (i) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective September 1, 2025
19 2030. Before the repeal, this subsection (6) is scheduled for review in
20 accordance with section 2-3-1203.

21 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
25 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
26 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
27 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.