

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 25, 2026  
Date

Committee on Energy & Environment.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1225 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 4, strike line 24.
- 2 Page 5, line 1, strike "incomes." and substitute "incomes; and
- 3 (c) Require the state's investor-owned public utilities to make
- 4 appropriate adjustments to bill credits for participants in community solar
- 5 gardens and develop processes to facilitate more expeditious and
- 6 economical interconnection studies and perform required system upgrades
- 7 for community solar and distributed generation resources."
- 8 Page 5, lines 2 and 3, strike "**amend** (5)(b)(II)(C)" and substitute "**add**
- 9 (2)(b)(I.5) and (5)(b)(II)(J)".
- 10 Page 5, after line 6 insert:
- 11 "(2) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context
- 12 otherwise requires:
- 13 (b) In addition:
- 14 (I.5) "INCOME-QUALIFIED SUBSCRIBER" HAS THE MEANING SET
- 15 FORTH IN SECTION 40-2-127.2 (1)(f)."
- 16 Page 5, strike lines 8 through 27 and substitute:
- 17 "(b) (II) (J) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026, A SUBSCRIBER
- 18 ORGANIZATION MAY DIRECT THE QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY TO PROVIDE
- 19 THE SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION'S INCOME-QUALIFIED SUBSCRIBERS WITH
- 20 A FIXED BILL CREDIT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(b)(II)(C) OF THIS
- 21 SECTION AND TO PROVIDE THE SUBSCRIBER ORGANIZATION'S OTHER
- 22 SUBSCRIBERS WITH A BILL CREDIT THAT CHANGES ANNUALLY PURSUANT

1 TO SUBSECTION (5)(b)(II)(B) OF THIS SECTION. THE QUALIFYING RETAIL  
2 UTILITY SHALL INDEX THE VALUE OF THE FIXED BILL CREDIT TO AN  
3 INCOME-QUALIFIED SUBSCRIBER BY APPLYING AN ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT  
4 MECHANISM TO THE BILL CREDIT EQUAL TO THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL  
5 PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S  
6 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OR A SUCCESSOR  
7 INDEX, FOR DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD FOR ENERGY PAID FOR BY  
8 URBAN CONSUMERS."

9 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 3.

10 Page 6, line 26, strike "JULY" and substitute "SEPTEMBER".

11 Page 7, line 24, strike "STANDARDS." and substitute "STANDARDS,  
12 INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "COLORADO ENERGY  
13 SECTOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT CRAFT LABOR REQUIREMENTS ACT",  
14 PART 3 OF ARTICLE 92 OF TITLE 24."

15 Page 7, strike lines 25 through 27.

16 Page 8, strike line 1 and substitute:

17 "(e) THIS SUBSECTION (7) ONLY APPLIES TO A PUBLIC UTILITY WITH  
18 MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE.

19 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-130.5, **amend**  
20 (1)(a) introductory portion and (1)(a)(II) as follows:

21 **40-2-130.5. Dispatchable distributed generation - energy**  
22 **storage - definitions - program capacity - program administration -**  
23 **rules.**

24 (1) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context  
25 otherwise requires:

26 (a) "Dispatchable distributed generation" means distributed  
27 generation paired with EITHER a co-located energy storage system OR A  
28 STANDALONE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM that is:

29 (II) Measured by the capacity of the ~~distributed generation~~  
30 ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM in alternating current."

31 Page 8, strike lines 2 through 6 and substitute:

32 **"SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
33 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
34 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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