PROGRESS CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

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COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021, 2022, 2023

Reducing carbon, encouraging a renewable energy economy, and creating greater resiliency against immediate and future impacts.

Fire



More than 1,400 Colorado homes were destroyed by five wildfires in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Thousands more were damaged. Many found their insurance coverage was inadequate, while some insurers began to refuse coverage.

Insurance Claims

HB22-1111 makes the insurance claims process far more fair and equitable for people who have a total loss in a fire disaster.*

Tax Relief

HB23-1240 creates a tax exemption for construction and building materials used in rebuilding after a fire disaster.*

Firefighting Support & Strategy

SB22-206 provides landmark support for aerial firefighting and establishes the Office of Climate Preparedness.*

Under Insurance

HB23-1174 addresses widespread insurance inadequacy by mandating greater transparency for consumers.*

Fair Insurance Access

HB23-1288 stands up a public insurance plan of last resort for homeowners who can't otherwise find coverage.*

Risk Mitigation

Successful measures to investigate fires, increase forestry and wildfire workforces, purchase firefighting aircraft, and create a wildfire resilient homes grant program.

Clean Energy

Solar Storage

SB21-261 removes an arbitrary limitation on homeowners to store energy generated by rooftop solar systems.*

Utility Co-op Governance

HB21-1131 mandates good governance requirements for member-owned utilities, creating conditions for more renewables.*

Greenhouse Gas Reductions

SB23-016 strengthens Colorado's GHG reduction targets and incentivizes investments in electrification.

Community Choice Electric

HB21-1296 studies CCE, which gives communities options to buy electricity from a wholesale supplier other than the local investor-owned electric utility.

Workforce Transitions

HB23-1074 identifies needed supports as people and communities in oil & gas industries transition toward renewables.*

Oil & Gas Chemical Transparency

HB23-1348 requires public disclosure of all chemicals used in downhole operations of oil and gas production.

Advancing Decarbonization

HB23-1272 provides tax incentives for greater clean energy use and builds on federal efforts to meet climate goals.

Lobbying Prohibitions

HB23-1272 stops investor-owned utilities from charging ratepayers for lobbying expenses and from charging ratepayers for payments to trade associations.

Environmental Protection



Water Conservation

SB23–177 appropriates \$90 million to fund water-supply projects, species conservation and research.

Stream Restoration

SB23-177 enables stream restoration to protect water supplies, restore habitats, and help recover from drought, fire, and floods.

Composting Standards

SB23-253 makes clear which products are compostable, helping to reduce the amount of methane entering the atmosphere.

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Oil & Gas Water Conservation

HB23-1242 requires a statewide reduction in fresh water and increases in recycled water in all oil and gas operations.

Regulating Air Toxics

HB22-1244 enables to collection of air pollution data, and allows for health-based regulatory standards and permitting.

Producer Responsibility for Recycling

HB22-1355 creates a first-in-the-nation, fully producer-funded and operated statewide recycling system for all consumer-facing packaging and printed paper.