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HOUSE BILL 21-1149

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Energy & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORTING AN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR**
102 **COLORADO.**

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>.)

The bill requires the Colorado work force development council (council), in collaboration with local work force boards, the department of education, superintendents of local school districts, the state board for community colleges and occupational education, and other postsecondary partners, to design a career pathway for students in the energy sector using an existing statutory model for the design and implementation of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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career pathways.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-46.3-104, **add**
3 (5.5) as follows:

4 **24-46.3-104. Career pathways - design - definitions - legislative**
5 **declaration - definition.** (5.5) (a) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5.5),
6 "ENERGY SECTOR" MEANS ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING EXISTING AND
7 EMERGING ENERGY SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS, ENGAGED IN
8 ELECTROMECHANICAL GENERATION AND MAINTENANCE; ELECTRICAL
9 ENERGY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION; ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND
10 ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY; FOSSIL ENERGY EXTRACTION,
11 PROCESSING, AND DISTRIBUTION; AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION.

12 (b) THE STATE COUNCIL AND PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL CREATE AN
14 INDUSTRY-DRIVEN ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY FOR
15 IMPLEMENTATION BY OR BEFORE THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR. IN
16 CREATING THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY, THE STATE COUNCIL
17 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING
18 CAREER PATHWAY DESIGN, COMPONENTS, IMPLEMENTATION, INDUSTRY
19 REVIEW, AND PROMOTION OF THE ENERGY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
23 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
24 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
25 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.