

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

May 9, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

HB26-1112 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 5, after line 22 insert:

2 "(e) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
3 RESOURCES CREATED IN SECTION 24-33-101 (1) SHALL PROPOSE, AS PART
4 OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
5 RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-208, INITIAL SPENDING AUTHORITY
6 IN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ENFORCE RULES FOR THE PERMITTING,
7 AUTHORIZATION, AND REGULATION OF CLASS I, CLASS IV, AND CLASS V
8 INJECTION WELLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (23). THE
9 OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CREATED IN SECTION
10 24-37-102, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
11 RESOURCES, SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-208 A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE
13 THE IMPACT, FOR THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FEE REVENUE WILL BE
14 COLLECTED OR EXPENDED, OF THE MONEY IN THE ENERGY AND CARBON
15 MANAGEMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 34-60-122 (5) ON THE
16 LIMITATION ON STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING IMPOSED BY SECTION 20 OF
17 ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION."

18 Page 9, after line 10 insert:

19 "(d) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PROPOSE, AS PART OF THE
20 ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION
21 2-3-208, INITIAL SPENDING AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO
22 ENFORCE RULES FOR THE PERMITTING, AUTHORIZATION, AND REGULATION
23 OF CLASS III INJECTION WELLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (3).
24 THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CREATED IN SECTION
25 24-37-102, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL INCLUDE IN

1 THE ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-208
2 A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE IMPACT, FOR THE FIRST
3 FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FEE REVENUE WILL BE COLLECTED OR EXPENDED,
4 OF THE MONEY IN THE MINED LAND RECLAMATION FUND CREATED IN
5 SECTION 34-32-127 (1)(a) ON THE LIMITATION ON STATE FISCAL YEAR
6 SPENDING IMPOSED BY SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
7 CONSTITUTION."

8 Page 12, after line 3 insert:

9 **"SECTION 12. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal
10 year, \$213,867 is appropriated to the department of natural resources.
11 This appropriation is from the energy and carbon management cash fund
12 created in section 34-60-122 (5)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the
13 department may use this appropriation as follows:

14 (a) \$172,326 for use by the energy and carbon management
15 commission for program costs, which amount is based on an assumption
16 that the commission will require an additional 1.3 FTE; and

17 (b) \$41,541 for use by the executive director's office for the
18 purchase of legal services.

19 (2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$41,541 is appropriated to
20 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
21 received from the department of natural resources under subsection (1)(b)
22 of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law
23 will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the department
24 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
25 department of natural resources."

26 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

27 Page 1, line 102, strike "WELLS." and substitute "WELLS, AND, IN
28 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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