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SENATE Joint Resolution

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BILL TOPIC: "Colorado Energy Development"

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

101 CONCERNING COLORADO ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, Colorado employs the most robust regulatory
2 framework in the nation for energy development, placing paramount
3 importance on public health, safety, welfare, the environment, and
4 wildlife resources, while producing the cleanest and lowest carbon energy
5 anywhere; and

6 WHEREAS, Energy production in foreign regimes such as Russia,
7 Iran, and Venezuela produces significant negative impacts to health and
8 environment worldwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are vital components of our
10 nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs nationwide,
11 including 340,000 total jobs, and accounting for \$46.1 billion in
12 Colorado's gross domestic product in 2019 alone; and

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 WHEREAS, Expanding and diversifying clean energy production
2 protects the United States, and Colorado and the federal government
3 should embrace a strategy of "All of the Above" energy development,
4 which prioritizes increasing domestic production of energy from oil,
5 natural gas, advanced nuclear, geothermal, pump-hydro, green and blue
6 hydrogen, wind, and solar and making our state's existing baseload fleet
7 more sustainable with carbon capture and storage; and

8 WHEREAS, The development of oil and natural gas leasing on
9 federal lands and waters provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal,
10 state, and local governments and supports conservation programs
11 throughout the country; and

12 WHEREAS, Ensuring that our electrical grid and energy
13 infrastructure are safe from both physical attacks and cyber-attacks is
14 necessary to keep Americans safe and our economy operational, and the
15 state of Colorado should work with the private sector to harden critical
16 electrical grid infrastructure against the threat of foreign attacks; and

17 WHEREAS, U.S. energy abundance has provided security that has
18 historically led to reliable, affordable energy for American consumers and
19 our allies; and

20 WHEREAS, Colorado is the fifth largest producer of crude oil and
21 the seventh largest natural gas producer in the country; and

22 WHEREAS, The world looks to the United States for energy
23 leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential
24 economic disruptions, and inflation already affects households in the
25 United States and across Europe; and

26 WHEREAS, Colorado is blessed with ample natural resources,
27 which can, with immediate effect, provide much-needed relief to
28 American and European consumers facing historic economic pressures;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Colorado's natural gas and oil industry has achieved
31 significant progress on emission reductions; and

32 WHEREAS, Colorado production is recognized as perhaps the
33 cleanest in the world by developing breakthrough technologies and best

1 practices; and

2 WHEREAS, Efforts to delay the environmentally responsible
3 development of oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters
4 deprive Americans of billions of dollars in revenue to federal, state, and
5 local governments and diminish the vital support necessary for
6 conservation programs throughout the country; now, therefore,

7 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*
8 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
9 *concurring herein:*

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11 ● That state regulatory agencies should move forward with
12 issuing permits to increase Colorado production of oil and
13 gas for use at home and abroad, which is the best way to
14 displace less-regulated foreign oil and natural gas and
15 achieve net global reductions of carbon, methane, and
16 volatile organic compounds;

17 ● That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
18 strongly urge the Governor of Colorado and the President
19 of the United States to support policies and take measures
20 that ensure long-term American energy leadership, security,
21 and progress; and

22 ● That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
23 strongly urge the Governor of Colorado and the President
24 of the United States to support policies and take measures
25 to promote the production of cleaner, more environmentally
26 responsible energy resources that will help prevent
27 domestic and international energy poverty, reduce energy
28 costs for all Americans, and promote American energy
29 security.

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31 *Be It Further Resolved*, that copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
32 to the President of the United States Joe Biden, United States Secretary
33 of the Interior Deb Haaland, United States Secretary of Transportation
34 Pete Buttigieg, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Colorado's
35 congressional delegation, and the news media of Colorado.