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HB 20-1064

ENERGY

COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY

HB 20-1064 – YOUR “YES” VOTE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED

HB 20-1064 authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to commission a study on Community Choice Energy (CCE).

CCE is a program that has been implemented in a number of other states that allows communities to purchase electricity through a wholesale supplier in order to meet their long-term renewable energy goals.

While CCE has been successful in other states, HB 20-1064 only requires two feasibility studies as a first step to see if the implementation of a similar program could be applicable to Colorado’s regulated energy and utility markets.

If successful, CCE could lead to more flexibility and independence for Colorado municipalities currently being served by a regulated utility.

HB 20-1064:

- Is simply a study bill, not enabling legislation. It does not change current statutes or utility regulations.
- Could eventually allow larger municipalities to form their own CCE authority governed by a city council or for multiple cities and counties to join together through a “Joint Powers Authority” to share administrative costs and combine their purchasing power.
- Could help pave the way toward greater local control to meet clean energy goals and reduce energy reducing costs all while increasing innovation and efficiency in our wholesale electricity system.

CML respectfully requests a “yes” vote on HB 20-1064.

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