

2025-2026 #76 - Final

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** Section 17 to Article XVIII as follows:

Section 17. Consumer right to energy choice.

(1) **Access to energy as a right.** BECAUSE ACCESS TO ALL ENERGY SOURCES IN COMMON USE ENHANCES THE SAFETY, WELFARE, AND STANDARD OF LIVING OF ALL PEOPLE IN COLORADO, CONSUMERS HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCESS ENERGY TO POWER AND HEAT HOMES, COOK, AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS GAS-POWERED VEHICLES, STOVES, HEATERS, LAWNMOWERS, AND PROPANE-FUELED PRODUCTS.

(2) A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT FURNISHES AN ENERGY SOURCE SHALL PROVIDE THAT SOURCE TO THOSE INHABITANTS THAT DEMAND, APPLY FOR, AND ARE REASONABLY ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE ENERGY SOURCE, EVEN IF OTHER ENERGY SERVICES OR ENERGY SOURCES MAY BE AVAILABLE.

(3) **Products and services shall be allowed.** PRODUCTS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS POWERED BY AN ENERGY SUPPLY IN COMMON USE SHALL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS BY THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

(4) **Public safety exception.** THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO HEALTH OR SAFETY RESTRICTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR IN CASE OF A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY, SUCH AS FIRE OR NATURAL DISASTER.