



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

May 30, 2019

The Honorable Colorado General Assembly
State Capitol
200 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Members of the Colorado General Assembly:

Today I signed into law Senate Bill 19-096, “Concerning the collection of greenhouse gas emissions data to facilitate the implementation of measures that would most cost-effectively allow the state to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.”

Senate Bill 19-096 (“SB 19-096”) directs the Air Quality Control Commission (“AQCC”) to adopt rules requiring greenhouse gas-emitting entities to track and publicly report their emissions to support Colorado’s greenhouse gas emission inventory efforts. The bill directs the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) to update the statewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions by sector -- as frequently as every year and no less frequently than every two years -- as determined by the AQCC. Ensuring a robust greenhouse gas inventory is foundational to effectively implementing a wide range of policies and programs designed to allow the state to cost-effectively meet its emission reduction goals.

While the primary focus of SB19-096 is to ensure robust tracking of greenhouse gas emissions, the bill also directs the AQCC to propose rules to implement measures that would cost-effectively allow the state to meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. This aspect of SB19-096 overlaps with House Bill 19-1261 (HB19-1261), which directs the AQCC to promulgate rules and regulations to achieve timely progress towards newly enacted goals. The new State goals set forth in HB19-1261 are to achieve a twenty six percent reduction in statewide greenhouse gas pollution by 2025, a fifty percent reduction by 2030, and a ninety-percent reduction by 2050.



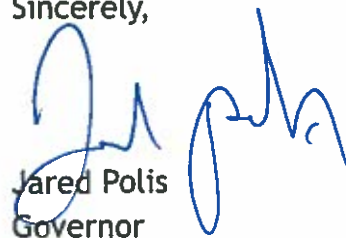
While the rulemaking directives articulated in both SB 19-096 and HB19-1261 aren't necessarily in conflict, I want to make clear that I expect implementation of cost effective greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts to be an iterative and multi-faceted process including recommended legislative actions over the upcoming years that will span across numerous State agencies.

Specifically, AQCC plans to move forward with two major greenhouse gas reductions rulemakings over the next year that will likely satisfy the rulemaking requirements set forth in SB 19-096, including: (1) the Zero Emission Vehicle rulemaking as prompted by my Executive Order *B 2019 002*; and (2) a rulemaking to minimize oil and gas emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to SB19-181.

In addition to these two rulemakings, and the potential for additional rulemakings, CDPHE will be closely coordinating with the Energy Office, Department of Transportation, Public Utilities Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Regional Air Quality Council, and other relevant agencies to undertake cost-effective ways of accelerating renewable energy use and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to continued collaboration to achieve a transition to renewable energy and greater emissions reductions in a manner that will improve our air quality and the health of our communities, diversify and strengthen our economy across the state, and ensure the good-paying jobs of the quickly growing green energy economy are created here in Colorado.

Sincerely,



Jared Polis
Governor