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AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Item #12 Colorado Climate Plan

Background:

HB 13-1293 requires the development of a climate plan for the State of Colorado "that sets forth a strategy, including specific policy recommendations that the state could use to address climate change and reduce its green house gas (GHG) emissions."

The Colorado Climate Plan focuses on broad policy level approaches to addressing climate change, sector by sector, at the state level. It does not prescribe actions that local governments or individual business should take.

The goal of this document is to promote state policy recommendations and actions that help to improve Colorado's ability to adapt to future climate change impacts and increase Colorado's state agencies level of preparedness, while simultaneously identifying opportunities to mitigate GHG at the agency level.

The Colorado Climate Plan is being closely coordinated with the Governor's Office. The Plan is also developed collectively by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA), the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), with input from key stakeholders. Over the next year, each state agency that has helped to develop this plan will hold public engagement sessions on climate change that are specific to their sector.

Staff Recommendation: *This is an informational item only. No Board action is required.*

