



Public Health Administration

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The Colorado House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee
Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

The Boulder County Board of Health and Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) appreciate the opportunity to register our support for House Bill 1275. It is our understanding that this legislation directs the Colorado Board of Health to issue a request for proposals to conduct a review of existing epidemiological data regarding the effects of oil and gas operations on human health in the Colorado counties of Larimer, Weld, Boulder, and Arapahoe, as well as one or more additional control areas.

We believe it is important to conduct this study now in order to establish a baseline of health effects that may be impacted by oil and gas operations along the Front Range. As additional information becomes available in future years, it will be important to have this baseline information.

We support and highly recommend that a follow-up study be conducted to collect and analyze new epidemiological data as it becomes available, and that the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (CAQCC) and the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (CWQCC) analyze the report findings to determine if additional regulatory actions may be warranted.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to support HB 1275, with amendments. If you need more information or we can be of further assistance, please contact BCPH Air Quality and Business Sustainability Program Coordinator Pam Milmoie at 303-441-1189 or pmilmoie@bouldercounty.org.

Sincerely,

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