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HOUSE BILL 14-1101

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PARTIAL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX
102 EXEMPTION FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Business owners of community solar gardens are subject to personal property tax on the personal property used to generate electricity. Property tax assessors value the taxable personal property by using the cost approach. This entails determining the alternating current electricity generating capacity of the personal property and multiplying that by the

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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cost per kilowatt of alternating current electricity as published by the division of property taxation.

The bill specifies that the percentage of electricity generated by a community solar garden that is attributed to residential or governmental subscribers is exempt from the levy and collection of property tax so that a business owner of a community solar garden is levied a property tax on the electricity generating capacity used by businesses.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 39-3-118.7 as
3 follows:

4 **39-3-118.7. Community solar garden - partial business**
5 **personal property tax exemption - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS
6 SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
8 FORTH IN SECTION 40-2-127 (2) (b) (I) (A), C.R.S.

9 (b) "SUBSCRIBER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
10 SECTION 40-2-127 (2) (b) (II), C.R.S.

11 (2) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON AND AFTER
12 JANUARY 1, 2015, THE PERCENTAGE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY A
13 COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN THAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTIAL OR
14 GOVERNMENTAL SUBSCRIBERS IS EXEMPT FROM THE LEVY AND
15 COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.