Amend the Energy and Environment Committee Report, dated April 14, 2022, page 2, after line 24 insert:

"Page 6, after line 11 insert:

"(d) In identifying the Model Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code Language for Multi-Family and Large Commercial Mixed Fuel Use for Buildings Ten Thousand Square Feet or Greater, the Colorado energy office shall:

(I) Consult with building and construction industry experts including architects, building and construction trade unions, building engineers, commercial building owners, commercial developers, electrical contractors, electrical engineers, energy efficiency experts, licensed electricians, licensed plumbers, local and state building officials, mechanical engineers, mechanical and plumbing contractors, and multi-family residential homebuilders;

(II) Develop clear guidelines to be included in the Model Energy Ready and Solar Ready Codes that seek to minimize the costs that builders, building owners, and developers incur in meeting Electric Ready and Solar Ready Code Language requirements while also ensuring that buildings can be converted to high efficiency electric heating equipment and appliances at the lowest possible cost to building owners. These guidelines must include provisions for:

(A) A standard methodology for determining how to calculate or measure when compliance with the Model Codes reaches a substantial cost differential that would require a waiver or variance for some or all of the provisions of the Model Code; and

(B) An evidence-based, uniform waiver or variance process to allow a builder, developer, or building owner to request a waiver when it can be demonstrated with reasonable evidence that compliance will create a substantial cost differential; and

(III) As used in subsection (2)(d)(II), "substantial cost differential" means one percent or greater of the total mechanical, electrical, or plumbing construction costs on the project.".".

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