

SB07-051 White Paper
Concerning a Requirement for Increased Resource Efficiency for State-Assisted Buildings

- Climate change is real, and State legislation is needed to address it;
- Buildings designed and constructed with low energy use and lesser environmental impacts better preserve the environment for future generations;
- Energy efficient building design strategies and technologies currently exist and would require only modest levels of investment to implement. They would provide pay back of the capital investment required to implement them over a short period of time and generate additional savings thereafter;
- We deem worthy the nominal initial costs incurred by designing and constructing sustainable buildings;
- We recognize the U.S. green build council and leadership in energy and environmental design (LEED) are the most consistent standards of sustainability of the built environment in the United States;
- The issue of energy efficient buildings is a global one. AIA has already adopted strong positions supporting the reduction of the energy consumption footprint in buildings;
- The AIA seeks to dramatically increase the number of high-performance buildings constructed in the coming decades;
- The AIA supports federal, state, and local legislation and incentives that encourage and aid the construction of high-performance buildings;
- The AIA/Colorado Government Affairs Committed has supported the yearlong efforts of the Building Colorado Coalition as they drafted this legislation;
- The AIA/Denver Committee on the Environment was an active participant with the Building Colorado Coalition in authoring the bill;

Therefore, AIA/Colorado supports SB07-051 and Amendment L-001, Concerning a Requirement for Increased Resource Efficiency for State-Assisted Buildings.

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