



## **Championing Local Efforts to Advance Resilience (CLEAR) Act**

**Background:** Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic and increasingly extreme weather events from the impacts of climate change underscore the importance of proactive community resilience. Resilient communities have infrastructure in place to prepare for and respond to disruptions, and mitigate impacts on working families. By proactively integrating resilience into policies, planning, and programs, we can position communities to better prevent, respond to, and withstand these shocks, and build back better afterwards.

Colorado led the nation by taking forward-looking focus on resilience. In 2013, Colorado established the Colorado Resiliency Office, and in 2018, the office was codified in statute. The office partners with local communities and other partners to integrate resilience into planning and recovery efforts across Colorado.

### **The legislation would:**

- Establish a competitive grant program to help states and Tribes create and maintain resilience offices, develop tools to project future conditions, and implement programming to address risks and vulnerabilities. The bill authorizes \$200 million for the grant program annually for five years, with a 10% set aside for Tribal nations.
- Require regular assessments of risks and vulnerabilities across a variety of sectors, including environmental and natural hazards, social infrastructure, housing, and the economy.
- Empower local stakeholders by encouraging grantees to form and regularly consult with a task force comprised of disadvantaged communities, industry experts, labor stakeholders, and Tribal nations.
- Promotes equity in resilience by encouraging grantees to identify risks in disadvantaged communities and prioritize projects to benefit those communities.