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101 **CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES**
102 **WITH FORCED LABOR COMPONENTS.**

1 WHEREAS, Many electric vehicles are being made with
2 components created through the use of forced labor, including materials
3 mined by Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in China's Xinjiang
4 region; and

5 WHEREAS, An electric vehicle is a motor vehicle which is
6 propelled to a significant extent by a motor which draws electricity from
7 a battery which is capable of being recharged from an external source of
8 electricity; and

9 WHEREAS, Forced labor is work or a service that is (i) obtained
10 by force, fraud, or coercion, including by threat of serious harm to, or

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1 physical restraint against, any person; by means of any scheme, plan, or
2 pattern intended to cause the person to believe that if the person did not
3 perform such labor or services, the person or another person would suffer
4 serious harm or physical restraint; or by means of the abuse or threatened
5 abuse of law or the legal process; (ii) imposed on the basis of a protected
6 characteristic; (iii) not offered or provided voluntarily by the worker; or
7 (iv) produced through oppressive child labor; and

8 WHEREAS, Oppressive child labor is a condition of employment
9 under which any person under the age of fourteen years is employed in an
10 occupation hazardous for the employment of children, such as
11 manufacturing or mining; and

12 WHEREAS, Concerns about the use of forced labor to create these
13 components and materials prompted the federal government to pass the
14 Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) with overwhelming
15 bipartisan support; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the UFLPA, there is a rebuttable presumption
17 that any product manufactured in whole or in part in the Xinjiang Uyghur
18 Autonomous Region was produced by forced labor; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States Department of the Treasury
20 recently restricted the application of its newly created tax credits for
21 electric vehicles in a press release dated March 31, 2023, so that
22 "[b]eginning in 2024, an eligible clean vehicle may not contain any
23 battery components that are manufactured by a foreign entity of concern
24 and beginning in 2025 an eligible clean vehicle may not contain any
25 critical minerals that were extracted, processed, or recycled by a foreign
26 entity of concern"; and

27 WHEREAS, The federal government recently proposed a
28 regulation for another act that any company subject to China's jurisdiction
29 will be defined as a "foreign entity of concern", which would prevent
30 federal tax credits from supporting sales of electric vehicles made with
31 battery components from Chinese entities; and

32 WHEREAS, Many electric vehicles are being made with
33 components created through the use of oppressive child labor, most
34 notably, through cobalt ore mined in dangerous conditions by thousands
35 of young children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and sent to
36 China for use in manufacturing lithium-ion batteries; and

1 WHEREAS, According to a 2022 report from the United States
2 Department of Labor, "downstream products containing lithium-ion
3 batteries may be produced with an input produced with child labor, such
4 as electric cars"; now, therefore,

5 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
6 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
7 *concurring herein:*

8 (1) That the state of Colorado opposes the use of forced labor and
9 finds that forced labor is repugnant and deplorable, violates basic human
10 rights, constitutes discrimination, and damages free and fair competition;
11 and

12 (2) That the state of Colorado will take steps to ensure that
13 taxpayer dollars are not being used to pay for electric vehicles that may
14 have been partly manufactured through forced labor.