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Bill to reduce energy bills dies in House

A bill aimed at reducing consumer energy bills was rejected Wednesday by a Colorado House committee. Sponsored by Rep. Andrew Romanoff, D-Denver, HB 1313 would have directed state regulators to establish that the goal of power-utility plans is to minimize the energy bills, not just rates, paid by consumers.

On Jan. 28, a Colorado House committee had rejected another bill - HB 1184 sponsored by Rep. Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood - which would have required Colorado investor- owned utilities to reduce their electricity sales 0.5 percent per year from 2005 to 2020.