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- Major highlights of the bill
 - Expressly modifies state pre-emption by explicitly authorizing local government regulation that is more stringent than state standards
 - i.e. State standards become minimum requirements
 - Expressly authorizing local regulation of well pad locations through land use regulations including the siting of oil and gas locations and facilities
 - Reforms the COGCC mission to focus on regulating for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare including the environment and wildlife resource (gone is the direction to "foster")
 - Expressly authorizes local governments to impose fees for cost of monitoring & penalties for violations of local land use regulations
 - Requires Operators to obtain a local permit prior to receiving a state permit
 - Revises forced pooling requirements to require consent from greater than 45% of mineral rights holders
- Local government authority expressly expanded to include the regulation of the surface use of oil and gas operations in a reasonable manner:
 - Location and siting of O&G facilities and locations
 - Impacts on government facilities and services
 - Water quality and source, noise, vibration, odor, light dust, emergency preparedness, security, traffic, transportation impacts
 - Financial securities, indemnification and insurance
 - All other nuisance-type effects of O&G development
 - Inspect all O&G facilities
 - Impose fees for both the direct and indirect costs of monitoring and inspections programs to address impacts and enforce local regs
 - Receive technical assistance from the COGCC