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### **Utility-rebate bill on Ritter's desk**

A bill that consumer advocates estimate will save Colorado households more than \$1 billion on energy bills was sent to Gov. Bill Ritter on Wednesday.

The bill directs Xcel Energy and other investor-owned utility companies to offer rebates to customers who use energy-efficient products.

Similar bills were twice vetoed by former Gov. Bill Owens.

"We estimate that households and businesses will save \$1.2 billion as a result of this legislation," said Howard Geller, executive director of the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. "At the same time, less water will be consumed and less pollution will be emitted by power plants, thereby improving Colorado's environment."