
Colorado River District

[HB18-1008](#)

Mussel-free Colorado Act

Position: Support

Short Title: Mussel-free Colorado Act

Sponsors: J. Arndt | D. Esgar / D. Coram | K. Donovan

Summary: Creates an aquatic nuisance species stamp required for all motor boats and sail boats using Colorado waters. An annual stamp purchase will cost \$25 for in-state and \$50 for out-of-state boat owners. Stamp purchase is not required of any craft that is not currently subject to registration.

Status: 1/31/2018 House Committee on Finance Refer Unamended to Appropriations

[HB18-1053](#)

Reclaimed Water Use For Marijuana Cultivation

Position: Support

Short Title: Reclaimed Water Use For Marijuana Cultivation

Sponsors: J. Arndt | C. Hansen / K. Donovan

Summary: Bill codifies currently promulgated rules for allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater, specifically adding marijuana cultivation as an allowable use. This bill encourages full use (to extinction) of existing transmountain diverted water consistent with the Districts Transmountain Diversion policy.

Status: 1/29/2018 House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Refer Amended to Appropriations

[HB18-1069](#)

Reclaimed Water Use For Toilet Flushing

Position: Support

Short Title: Reclaimed Water Use For Toilet Flushing

Sponsors: J. Arndt | D. Thurlow / D. Coram

Summary: Bill codifies existing rules promulgated by the Water Quality Control Commission for allowable uses of reclaimed wastewater, adding toilet and urinal flushing in multifamily structures as allowable uses. This bill encourages full use (to extinction) of existing transmountain diverted water consistent with the Districts Transmountain Diversion policy.

Status: 1/29/2018 House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Refer Amended to Appropriations

[HB18-1073](#)

Water District Ability Contract Water Assets

Position: Ammend

Short Title: Water District Ability Contract Water Assets

Sponsors: M. Gray / B. Gardner

Summary: The bill authorizes water districts, including water activity enterprises, to enter into contracts for water and the capacity in works and allows the contracts to be based on municipalities' authority to contract for water and sewer facilities. It also specifies that water conservancy districts' contracts can be for municipal and industrial use by the recipient of the water.

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)

Status: 2/12/2018 House Second Reading Passed with Amendments – Floor

HB18-1093	Reclaimed Water Use For Edible Crops
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Reclaimed Water Use For Edible Crops
Sponsors:	J. Arndt / D. Coram
Summary:	The bill codifies rules promulgated by the water quality control commission (commission) of the Colorado department of public health and environment concerning allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater, which is wastewater that has been treated for subsequent reuses other than drinking water. <p style="text-align: center;">Section 3 of the bill defines 3 categories of water quality standards for reclaimed domestic wastewater, sets forth the allowable uses for each water quality standard category, and adds food crop irrigation as an allowable use for reclaimed domestic wastewater. Section 3 also authorizes the commission to establish new categories of water quality standards and to recategorize any use of reclaimed domestic wastewater to a less stringent category of water quality standard. Section 3 also authorizes the division of administration in the department of public health and environment to grant variances for uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sections 1, 2, and 4 make conforming amendments. <i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i></p>
Status:	1/29/2018 House Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Refer Amended to Appropriations
HB18-1147	Sunset Process Weather Modification
Position:	Recommend Monitor
Short Title:	Sunset Process Weather Modification
Sponsors:	K. Ransom J. Ginal / D. Coram
Summary:	Sunset Process - House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee. Sections 1 and 2 of the bill continue the regulation of people who modify the weather until 2033. Section 3 repeals a provision that prohibits weather modification that benefits another state if the other state prohibits weather modification that benefits Colorado. <i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i>
Status:	1/31/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Health, Insurance, & Environment
HB18-1151	Colorado Water Conservation Board Approve Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects
Position:	Recommend Support in Concept
Short Title:	Colorado Water Conservation Board Approve Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects
Sponsors:	J. Arndt M. Catlin / L. Crowder
Summary:	Current law allows the Colorado water conservation board to approve up to 15 pilot projects for agricultural water leasing or fallowing projects. The bill expands the types of projects that may be approved to include deficit irrigation projects, which use less than the optimal amount of water on a particular crop. The bill also excludes from the determination of historical consumptive use decreases in use resulting from deficit irrigation projects to conserve or lease water. <i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i>
Status:	1/31/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
HB18-1199	Aquifer Storage-and-recovery Plans
Position:	Recommend Monitor
Short Title:	Aquifer Storage-and-recovery Plans
Sponsors:	M. Catlin / D. Coram
Summary:	The bill authorizes a person to apply to the ground water commission (commission) for approval of an aquifer storage-and-recovery plan and requires the commission to promulgate rules governing the application process and the requirements that an aquifer storage-and-recovery plan must meet to be approved. <i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i>
Status:	2/5/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

HB18-1201	Severance Tax Voter-approved Revenue Change
Position:	Recommend Support
Short Title:	Severance Tax Voter-approved Revenue Change
Sponsors:	D. Thurlow / D. Coram
Summary:	<p>The bill requires the secretary of state to refer a ballot issue at the general election held on November 6, 2018, to seek voter approval for the state to retain and spend an amount equal to state severance tax revenue. The change only has effect in years when the state would otherwise be required to make a refund under section 20 of article X of the state constitution (TABOR) and is conditioned on the state not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repealing or reducing any of the existing severance tax exemptions or credits; or • Reducing the percentage of the severance tax revenue that is allocated to local governments. <p>If the state does any of these actions, then the state's authority to retain and spend revenues based on the voters' approval of the referred ballot issue is rescinded at that time and going forward.</p> <p><i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i></p>
Status:	2/5/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance + Appropriations

HB18-1215	Safe Disposal Naturally Occur Radioactive Material
Position:	Recommend Monitor
Short Title:	Safe Disposal Naturally Occur Radioactive Material
Sponsors:	J. Arndt
Summary:	<p>Current law allows the state board of health to adopt rules concerning the disposal of naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) only after the federal environmental protection agency (EPA) has adopted rules concerning the disposal of NORM. The EPA has not adopted the rules. The bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the state board to adopt rules for the disposal of NORM and technologically enhanced NORM (TENORM); and • While the state board is conducting its rule-making investigation, temporarily prohibits the disposal of oil and gas exploration and production waste (EP waste) with potentially high concentrations of radionuclides at a facility that is not specifically approved and designated to receive the waste unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The generator of the waste has sampled and tested the EP waste on a per-shipment basis or in a representative and statistically valid manner approved by the state board; and • The results of the test indicate that the EP waste contains low levels of TENORM. <p>A generator of EP waste must file reports with the state board.</p> <p><i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i></p>
Status:	2/5/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Health, Insurance, & Environment

SB18-019	Expanded Duration For Colorado Water Resources And Power Development Authority Revolving Loans
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Expanded Duration For Colorado Water Resources And Power Development Authority Revolving Loans
Sponsors:	K. Donovan D. Coram / C. Hansen J. Arndt
Summary:	<p>The state statute limits Colorado Water & Power loan terms to 20-years plus construction. Amendments to the federal act now allow for longer terms. Longer terms would benefit some Colorado local government agencies. This bill would update the state statute to allow for longer loan terms, agreed to by the local government and as permitted by the federal act. This bill applies to loans under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Acts.</p>
Status:	1/26/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

SB18-038	Reclaimed Water Use On Industrial Hemp
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Reclaimed Water Use On Industrial Hemp
Sponsors:	K. Donovan D. Coram / Y. Willett D. Esgar
Summary:	Bill codifies rules promulgated by the WQCC related to the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater and expands allowable uses to include the irrigation of industrial hemp. It has similar provisions to the two related House bills directing the WQCC to promulgate related rules consistent with the legislation. This bill encourages full use (to extinction) of existing transmountain diverted water consistent with the Districts Transmountain Diversion policy.
Status:	1/18/2018 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy Refer Amended to Appropriations
SB18-039	Continue The Wildfire Matters Review Committee
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Continue The Wildfire Matters Review Committee
Sponsors:	J. Cooke M. Jones / T. Exum D. Thurlow
Summary:	The Wildfire Matters Review Committee is currently scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2018. This bill defers the repeal date to September 1, 2025. This Interim Water Committee has successfully served to enhance and legislatively support the nexus between sustainable water supplies and healthy forests.
Status:	1/18/2018 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy Refer Unamended to Appropriations
SB18-041	Authorize Water Use Incidental Sand And Gravel Mines
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Authorize Water Use Incidental Sand And Gravel Mines
Sponsors:	D. Coram R. Baumgardner / L. Saine J. Arndt
Summary:	This bill requires designated groundwater replacement plans or substitute supply plans to authorize and include incidental water uses, including dust suppression, reclamation and impacts of mining and dewatering. The State Engineer reports that most of these new uses are currently allowed in existing water plans.
Status:	1/26/2018 Introduced In House - Assigned to Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources
SB18-117	Collect Long-term Climate Change Data
Position:	Recommend Monitor
Short Title:	Collect Long-term Climate Change Data
Sponsors:	K. Donovan / C. Hansen
Summary:	The bill requires the department of public health and environment to collect and report on greenhouse gas emissions data.
	<i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i>
Status:	1/29/2018 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
SB18-134	Public Utilities Commission Deregulate Nonprofit Water Utilities
Position:	Recommend Monitor
Short Title:	Public Utilities Commission Deregulate Nonprofit Water Utilities
Sponsors:	J. Cooke / J. Arndt
Summary:	Under current law, the public utilities commission is directed to grant simplified regulatory treatment to water companies that serve fewer than 1,500 customers. The bill expands on this concept by deregulating water companies that are registered as nonprofits, so long as their rates, charges, and terms and conditions of service are just and reasonable. The commission retains the right to entertain a complaint of unjust or unreasonable rates or practices, and to take remedial action, if the complaint is authorized by specified public officials or other persons.
	<i>(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)</i>
Status:	2/8/2018 Senate Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy Refer Amended - Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole

[SB18-143](#)**Parks And Wildlife Measures To Increase Revenue**

Position: Recommend Monitor
Short Title: Parks And Wildlife Measures To Increase Revenue
Sponsors: S. Fenberg | D. Coram / J. Arndt | J. Wilson
Summary: **Section 1** adds a nonstatutory short title.

Section 2 of the bill makes legislative findings.

Section 3 adds 'preference point' to the documents listed under the definition of 'license'.

Sections 4 and 12 add 'sponsorships', 'contributions', and 'donations' to the list of money transfers that the parks and wildlife commission (commission) is authorized to receive and expend.

Sections 5 and 9 change the name of the wildlife management public education advisory council to the wildlife council.

Section 6 raises the amount of residential and nonresidential license fees, stamp fees, and surcharges for certain hunting and fishing activities. Section 6 also: Authorizes the commission to apply a consumer price index adjustment to hunting and fishing fees; establishes an annual residential youth fishing fee; and, together with **section 7**, moves a reference to the state migratory waterfowl stamp fee amount.

Section 7 also allows the division of parks and wildlife (division) to grant up to 25% of the money derived from sales of the state migratory waterfowl stamp to nonprofit organizations implementing the North American waterfowl management plan.

Section 8 authorizes the commission to establish by rule a special licensing program for young adult hunters and anglers.

Section 10 requires the division to prepare reports on increased licensing fees and to present the reports to the agricultural committees in the house of representatives and the senate.

Section 11 removes the restriction on the commission's ability to raise or lower park fees and charges only if the commission reasonably anticipates that the annual revenues from the fees and charges will not increase by more than 20% above the annual amount earned from fees and charges as they existed on July 1, 2011. Section 11 also establishes a maximum fee increase that the commission may impose by rule for park passes in any one year as a one-dollar increase for a daily park pass and a \$10 increase for an annual park pass.

Section 13 removes the \$200,000 limitation on the amount that may be held in the stores revolving fund, which fund is maintained for acquiring stock for warehousing and distributing supplies for retail sales to visitors, and requires that the fund be continuously appropriated.

Section 14 removes the \$5 cap on the fee that the division may charge a person to replace a lost or destroyed pass or registration. The fee may be set by the commission by rule in an amount up to 50% of the cost of the original pass or registration.

Section 15 removes a requirement that an aspen leaf annual park pass be affixed to the vehicle for which the pass was issued.

Section 16 directs the commission to determine, by rule, how the columbine annual park pass will be displayed to enter a state park or recreation area.
(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced.)

Status: 1/29/2018 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance

<u>SJM18-001</u>	Memorialize Congress To Fund Wildfire Response
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Memorialize Congress To Fund Wildfire Response
Sponsors:	M. Jones R. Baumgardner / J. Singer D. Thurlow
Summary:	This memorial (Senate version of a resolution to Congress) urges the U.S. Congress to protect federal land management agencies to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfires by funding fire response costs analogous to those for other natural disasters. This resolution is consistent with the Districts federal priority to end fire borrowing.
Status:	1/27/2018 Signed by the Speaker of the House

<u>SJR18-003</u>	Water Projects Eligibility Lists
Position:	Support
Short Title:	Water Projects Eligibility Lists
Sponsors:	R. Baumgardner / J. Arndt
Summary:	This is the annual projects approval list for the revolving loan funds administered by the Water & Power Development Authority. The list includes projects eligible and recommended for loans under the Safe Drinking and Clean Water Acts. The River District has always supported this resolution, though no significant effort is necessary to ensure its passage.
Status:	2/6/2018 Sent to the Governor