

Legislation we are
keeping our eye on!

House Bill 15-1006

- Concerning the establishment of a grant program for the management of invasive phreatophytes.
- House Sponsorship
 - Representative Coram, District 58
 - Representative Vigil, District 62
- Senate Sponsorship
 - Senator Sonnenberg, District 1

House Bill 15-1006

- Bill would establish a 5 year grant program under the Department of Agriculture
 - Currently a similar program under the Department of Natural Resources, CO Water Conservations Board
- \$5 million a year for five years, under the current version of the bill
- Originally was proposed to be funded out of the State's general fund, but amended to be funded out of the Severance Tax Operational Fund.

House Bill 15-1006

- Current status
 - Passed House Ag and Senate Finance committees
 - Unsure future due to the activity happening to the Severance Tax Operational Fund

Senate Bill 15-119

- Continuation of the regulation of pesticide applicators by the Department of Agriculture, and implementing the recommendations of the 2014 sunset report by DORA
- Senate Sponsorship –
Senator Sonnenberg, District 1
- House Sponsorship –
Becker, District 13

Senate Bill 15-119

- Failing to renew the pesticide applicators act would trigger the EPA to fully regulate actions in the state of CO rather than Dept. of Ag.
- Sunset Review Report Recommendations:
 - Extending repeal date to 2024
 - Adding representatives on advisory committee from agriculture (FWPS), organic farmers and people working with pollinators
 - Maintaining records from three years down to two