



Colorado Chapter of the Sierra Club

2/24/18 Getting Green Laws

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As outlined by Jen for Audubon, we continue to have a divided legislature so many good bills go nowhere- on the other hand bad bills don't-thankfully and fingers crossed- go very far either. Bills usually do not have pass unless they have bipartisan sponsorship and that is not a guarantee.

From the standpoint of Sierra Club, especially from its C4 side-perhaps what I would like all of you to work on most over the next year is the election of pro-environment candidates, especially a pro environment governor and a pro environment majority in the Senate. If we can do that, we have a chance to pass some great "Green" laws in 2019.

For this session there are a few bills on which I would like to comment. You have the list of all the bills that the Sierra club is following so far. Many good bills have already died and I am not going to go into them here.

Here are a few that we are supporting that still have a chance to pass.

SB18-066-Support-Extend Operation of State Lottery Division

Sponsors:Arndt, Wist, Sonnenberg, Garcia. The intent of this bill was to permanently establish the Colorado Lottery without a sunset clause. The lottery was due to sunset in 2024. As you know proceeds from the lottery go to fund Great Outdoors Colorado (50% up to a cap), the Conservation Trust Fund (40%) and CPW(10%). Half of GoCOs funds also go to CPW. The Senate passed the bill out of committee but added a sunset in 2049. The bill has been passed by the Senate now and will be introduced in the house

SB18-112-Support-Veterans Outdoor Terrain Restoration Grant Program

Sponsors: Lawrence, Crowder, Jahn

Establishes a grant program cash fund within the the Division of Veterans Affairs to fund programs which provide opportunities to get Veterans into

the outdoors and into therapeutic adventure programs. Supported by veterans groups and mental health community as well as by advocates of public lands, Passed Senate committee and in Appropriations.

SB18-009-Support-Allow Electric Utility Customers Install energy Storage Equipment.

Sponsors: Lawrence, Winter, Priola, Fenberg

Affirms the right of IOU customers to install and interconnect every storage on their property without unnecessary restrictions, regulations or discriminatory fees. These storage systems can be charged by distributed generation when local renewable sources are available or during off peak times using excess grid capacity and then utilized during peak times- thus decreasing the need to build peak expensive generation capacity. Has passed Senate and now in House committee of the whole.

HB18-1071-Support-Regulate Oil and Gas Operations to Protect Public Safety

Sponsors: Salazar, Moreno

Changes the charge of the COGCC from “foster” to “regulate” oil and gas operation and further specifies that that regulation must prevent and mitigate significant adverse environment impact on any air, water, soil or biological resource while protecting public health, safety and welfare. This bill has passed the house but will probably die in Senate committee. We do have the opportunity to make known that the majority of Coloradans consider the primary duty of the COGCC is the protection of our health and safety.

HB18-1157-Support- Increased Reporting of Oil and Gas Incidents

Sponsors: J. Singer and K Becker

Spells out all the types of incidents that are threats or potential threats to human health or the environment and requires that O and G operators file a written report with the COGCC and other affected stakeholders of those incidents. In addition, the commission must post those reports on its website in a searchable database. Introduced in the house- Transportation and Energy Committee hearing 3/14. We can let the legislature know that Coloradans have a right to be aware of all threats to our health and safety.

Colorado Sierra Club bills 2018 Legislative Session					
Priority	Bill Number	Bill title	Stance	Status	Notes
High	<u>SB18-066</u>	Extend Operation of State Lottery Division	Strong support	Passed senate third reading with amendments	sunset added July 1, 2049
High	<u>SB18-112</u>	Veterans Outdoor Terrain Restoration Grant Prog	Strong support	Passed senate committee, in appropriations	
Medium	<u>SB18-009</u>	Allow Electric Utility Customers install energy storage equipment	Support	referred unamended to house Committee of the whole	Colorado Sierra Club testified in house committee in support
Medium	<u>SB18-038</u>	Reclaimed Water Use on Industrial Hemp	Support	In Senate appropriations	Colorado Sierra Club Supports all the reclaimed water use bills this session
Medium	<u>SB18-045</u>	Repeal Architectural Paint Stewardship Act	Oppose	senate second reading lost	
Medium	<u>SB18-047</u>	Repeal Tax Credits Innovative Vehicles	Oppose	In Senate appropriations	Plan testimony in opposition in house
Medium	<u>SB18-048</u>	Protect Act Local Government Authority Oil & Gas Facilities	Support	Postponed indefinitely by Senate Committee	Colorado Sierra Club testified in Senate Committee in support
Medium	<u>SB18-063</u>	Oil Gas Higher Financial Assurance Reclamation Requirements	Support	Postponed indefinitely by Senate Committee	Colorado Sierra Club testified in Senate Committee in support
Medium	<u>SB18-064</u>	Require 100% Renewable Energy By 2035	Support	Postponed indefinitely by Senate Committee	Colorado Sierra Club testified in Senate Committee in support
Medium	<u>SB18-117</u>	Collect Long-term Climate Change Data	Support	Postponed indefinitely by Senate Committee	Colorado Sierra Club testified in Senate Committee in support
Medium	<u>SB18-137</u>	Grand Slam Wildlife Hunting Raffle	Oppose	In Senate Committee 2/27	Colorado Sierra Club plans testimony in opposition

Medium	<u>SB18-143</u>	Parks And Wildlife Measures To Increase Revenue	Support	referred to Senate appropriations	
Medium	<u>HB18-1053</u>	Reclaimed Water Use For Marijuana Cultivation	Support	Referred to house appropriations	
Medium	<u>HB18-1054</u>	Affordable Housing Plastic Shopping Bag Tax	Support	Postponed indefinitely by House committee	
Medium	<u>HB18-1069</u>	Reclaimed Water Use For Toilet Flushing	Support	referred amended to House appropriations	
Medium	<u>HB18-1071</u>	Regulate Oil Gas Operations Protect Public Safety	Support	Passed House, Senate Committee hearing 3/7	Colorado Sierra Club Plans testimony in support/ Senate Committee on Agriculture, natural Resources and Energy
Medium	<u>HB18-1093</u>	Reclaimed Water Use For Edible Crops	Support	referred amended to House appropriations	
Medium	<u>HB18-1107</u>	Prewire Residence For Electric Vehicle Charging Port	Support	passed house, in Senate transportation	
Medium	<u>HB18-1122</u>	Accounting Of Conservation Easements In The State	Oppose	House Hearing on 3/15	All Conservation easement bills will be in House Insurance and Environment on 3/15
Medium	<u>HB18-1123</u>	Conservation Easement Tax Credit Time Out	Oppose		
Medium	<u>HB18-1150</u>	Local Government Liable Fracking Ban Oil And Gas Moratorium	Oppose	House Hearing on 3/15 in State Affairs	Colorado Sierra Club Plans testimony in opposition
Medium	<u>HB18-1157</u>	Increased Reporting Oil and Gas Incidents	Support	House hearing in Transportation and Energy on 3/14	Colorado Sierra Club plans testimony in support
Medium	<u>HB18-1194</u>	Conservation Easement Transparency	Oppose		
Medium	<u>HB18-1215</u>	Safe Disposal Naturally Occur Radioactive Material	Support		There may be a competing similar bill from CDPHE

Low	SB18-039	Continue The Wildfire Matters Review Committee	support	Senate committee referred unamended to appropriations	
Low	HB18-1008	Mussel-free Colorado Act	Support	house committee referred unamended to appropriations	
Low	HB18-1080	Climate Leadership Awards Program	Support	Postponed indefinitely by House committee	
not assigned	SB18-003	Colorado Energy Office	Neutral/watching	Senate second reading passed with amendments	Although Colorado Sierra Club supports continuation of COE, we oppose cuts to budgets and programs
not assigned	HB18-1085	Health Effects Industrial Wind Turbines	Neutral/watching	House committee postponed indefinitely	
not assigned	HB18-1239	Sunset Environmental Management System Permit Program	Neutral/watching	Referred to committee of the whole	