

Cut-A-Thon

Sat., June 16


Starting at 9 am

In Memory of Kalyn Peterson

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We look forward to seeing all those who knew Kalyn or want to support this event. No appointment needed. Refreshments provided.

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lished a nutrients scientific advisory board, appointed by leadership of the state Legislature, to review proposed numeric water quality nutrient standards regulating nitrogen and phosphorus to determine how the proposed rules:

- Comply with an executive order.
- Reflect active stakeholder participation.
- Fully consider a cost-benefit study.
- Are structured to avoid unnecessary regulation and minimize the fiscal impact to state agencies and local governments.
- Are designed to address basin-specific conditions.

The advisory board was supposed to deliver a report to the Water Quality Control Commission and the Legislature by Feb. 1, 2013.

Furthermore, the original bill also stated that the commission cannot adopt the proposed rules until they are approved by the Legislature acting by bill.

House amendments to bill's requirements

Following negotiations by Rep. Looper with other house legislators, the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources and Appropriations Committee approved an amended version of the bill that dropped the requirement of the Legislature to approve these two regulations before the Water Quality Control Commission could enact them and dropped the scientific advisory board requirement due to a lack of funding to pay the members of the advisory board.

The amended bill called instead for a review of the new nutrient regulations in a public meeting by the Joint Interim Water Resources Committee by Oct. 1 to consider whether the proposed regulations:

- Comply with Gov. John Hickenlooper's Executive Order D 2011-005 that prohibits unfunded mandates by the state on local governments.
- Reflect active stakeholder participation.

- Fully consider the conclusions of the cost-benefit study conducted on behalf of the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.
- Are structured to avoid unnecessary regulation and minimize the fiscal impact to state agencies and local governments.

Also, the Joint Interim Water Resources Committee was required by the House's amendments to deliver a report containing its findings on these factors to the Water Quality Control Commission by Nov. 1.

The final version of HB12-1161 approved by the House on April 18 by a vote of 36-29 can be found at: http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2012A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/6F619450AD9CF93287257981007F3AFA?Open&file=1161_ren.pdf

Senate amendment to bill's requirements

Following negotiations by Sen. King with other senators on a number of different potential amendments, the Democrats of the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee agreed to Amendment 19. King noted in his statement of support to the committee that he wanted a bill that would find answers to concerns and questions raised about the regulations:

- What is the true cost of these regulations?
- Who is going to pay for these costs?
- How are these costs going to be paid?
- Were these costs required by an EPA mandate or not?
- Have the regulations gone through a scientific peer review?
- When should the regulations be implemented?

Amendment 19 eliminated even more requirements from the already watered-down bill passed by the House. Amendment 19 called for the Joint Interim Water Resources Committee to hold at least one public hearing before or on Oct. 1 to consider Regulation 85 and revisions to Regulation 31 regarding total nitrogen, total inorganic nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a to discuss:

- Site-specific infrastructure

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