

CCI LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

for 2018 Legislative session

CCI is soliciting potential legislative issues for the 2018 legislative session. Please answer each of the questions below for each of your county's legislative issues. If your county submits multiple issue forms, please prioritize your issues. Submitted issues are discussed during the summer steering committees and district meetings. We encourage you to confer with your county managers or administrators and department heads, as well as other elected officials, to determine what issues are the most pressing in your county and have implications for other counties. All submitted issues forms must have the support of the Board of County Commissioners or the Mayor/City and County Council.

In accordance with the Legislative Principles that are part of CCI's Policy Statement, "...initiated legislation should be realistic and closely related to the conduct of our members' responsibilities if we are to retain a high level of credibility. Local elected officials groups, county and otherwise, as well as other interest groups, should be encouraged to find sponsors for and initiate their own proposals, allowing our members and CCI to take a supportive role when the bill is introduced."

Please fax or email your issue forms to Jeanne DeHaven at 303.861.2818 or jdehaven@ccionline.org. Please feel free to use more than one page when submitting issues and to submit additional documentation or background information related to the issue. Legislative Issue Forms should be returned by **Friday, June 30, 2017** in order to be discussed during the summer legislative review and steering committee meetings.

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1.) Issue: Funding for Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspection Program

2.) Background

During the 2017 Regular Session, HB17-1321 would have authorized Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to raise resident hunting and fishing license fees by up to 50% over time and provided a sustainable funding for fish and wildlife management. Although the legislation passed the House and there was bi-partisan support, the bill died in the Senate Finance Committee due to concerns regarding acquisitions and hunting and fishing license increases.

However, the failure of the legislation also leaves Colorado water bodies at risk. The proposed legislation provided a permanent funding mechanism for the critical Aquatic Nuisance Species Program by creating a sticker fund to finance boat inspections.

3.) Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy (Please provide the specific statutory citation your board is requesting to modify AND the proposed language you are requesting.)

As introduced in HB17-1321, require a person to purchase an aquatic nuisance species sticker to operate or use a vessel on the waters of the state or possess a vessel at a vessel staging area. The fees collected on the sale of aquatic nuisance species stickers are credited to the division of parks and wildlife aquatic nuisance species fund to help fund inspections of vessels and associated conveyances for the presence of aquatic nuisance species, decontamination of vessels or conveyances with the presence of aquatic nuisance species, lake monitoring for the presence of aquatic nuisance species, and outreach efforts.

"In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-13-103, amend (4); and add (6) as follows: 33-13-103. Numbering of vessels required - rules - definitions.

(4) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a class petty offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of ~~fifty dollars~~ EQUAL TO TWICE THE COST OF THE REGISTRATION FEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE TYPE OF VESSEL INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION.

(b) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHED AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 33-10.5-105 (3).

(6) (a) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO OPERATE OR USE A VESSEL TEN FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH ON THE WATERS OF THIS STATE OR TO POSSESS A VESSEL AT A VESSEL STAGING AREA UNLESS AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STICKER HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE VESSEL AND PLACED ON THE VESSEL.

7 (b) AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STICKER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) REMAINS VALID FOR A PERIOD ENDING ON DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR OF ISSUANCE OF THE STICKER.

(c) (I) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2018, THE DIVISION MAY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STICKERS FOR VESSELS TEN FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH AND SHALL COLLECT FEES FOR THE STICKERS IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

TYPE OF VESSEL	FEE
(A) RESIDENT, NONMOTORBOAT	\$15.00
(B) NONRESIDENT, NONMOTORBOAT	15.00
(C) RESIDENT, MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT	25.00
(D) NONRESIDENT, MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT	50.00

(II) THE STICKER FEES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6)(c)(I) OF THIS SECTION MAY, BY RULE, BE ADJUSTED BY AN AMOUNT UP TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT REFLECTED BY THE CHANGES MADE IN THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND ALL GOODS OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (6)(c)(II). THE ADJUSTMENT IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE COMMISSION NOTIFIES THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE ADJUSTMENT.

(d) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE THE PRESCRIBED MANNER FOR DISPLAYING AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STICKER ON A VESSEL. THE COMMISSION MAY DEVELOP AN APPLICATION FORM AND PROCESS THAT COMBINES THE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STICKER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6).

8 (e) ALL FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6) SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEES TO THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND CREATED IN SECTION 33-10.5-108 (1)(a)(I).

12 (f) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (6):

13 (I) "AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 33-10.5-102 (1).

4.) County Commissioner role in this issue?

Ensuring the protection of water bodies, water infrastructure and water quality across the state.

5.) Proponents/Opponents (Please indicate if your board has had conversations with proponents/opponents to date and their perspective on this proposal):

Would expect similar proponents as HB17-1321. Removing the controversial elements of the prior legislation, would anticipate even more support.

6.) Have you visited with your legislator(s) about their reaction to this proposal? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal?

Similar sponsors of prior legislation.

7.) Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

Same as Legislative Council Fiscal Note regarding the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program

8.) Please list the subject matter experts CCI staff can follow-up with for more information on this proposal:

Rachel Richards, Pitkin County Commissioner

9.) Priority Ranking (If multiple issues submitted):

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