



**PLS SUPPORT: HB 08-1141**

**CONCERNING SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLIES FOR LAND USE APPROVAL**

- Rep. Curry; Sen. Bacon

**SUMMARY:** HB 1141 provides improved and consistent water supply information to land use decision-makers statewide during the land use development application process. It also increases the likelihood that new homeowners will be assured of a sustainable water source.

**ISSUE:** Colorado's current water supply is a statewide concern. Roughly 3 million people are expected to move to Colorado in the next 30 years, adding to the 4.8 million already here. Buyers must be assured of an adequate and permanent water supply when purchasing property. In many jurisdictions, land use decisions have historically been made without the benefit of water supply implications. HB 1141 will facilitate the integration of these discussions.

**UNDER HB 1141:**

- Local governments will receive documentation that the proposed water supply for new developments is adequate for a development in excess of 50 single-family equivalents, or fewer if desired by the local government. Ensures that land use decision-makers have information needed to make well-informed land use and water supply decisions.
- Land use and water supply discussions will no longer be separate public policy topics. Improves communication between decision-makers and water suppliers.
- Creates consistent requirements for real estate developers regarding necessary water supply information needed to be submitted with a development application. Provides several options for streamlining or eliminating required documentation.
- Elected officials can reassure the public that reliable information is being applied to land use decisions.
- Water conservation measures planned by a developer may be integrated in a water supply plan to assist in meeting intense demands during times of extreme drought.
- Local governments retain all their discretionary, decision-making authority. Specifically authorizes local governments to deny development proposals for lack of sustainable water supply.

**CONCLUSION:** The River District respectfully urges your *support of HB 1141*.

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Southwest Water Conservation District  
Colorado River District  
Denver Water  
Parker Water and Sanitation District  
Parker Water & Sanitation District  
Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority  
Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI)  
Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality/Quantity Committee  
Boulder County  
Summit County  
City of Golden  
City of Aspen  
City of Glenwood Springs  
Roaring Fork Mayors Collaborative  
Colorado Environmental Coalition  
Trout Unlimited  
Western Resource Advocates  
Audubon Society  
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