



SB24-026

SHORT TITLE: Agriculture & Natural Resources Public Engagement Requirement

LONG TITLE: Concerning a requirement that members of certain state regulatory bodies who are appointed by the governor hold meetings to elicit public engagement.

SPONSORS: Senators Roberts and Will/ Representatives McLachlan and Catlin

COMMITTEES: Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources and Senate Appropriations Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To require that members of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and the Colorado Agriculture Commission who are appointed by the Governor hold two public meetings annually in person.

PROPONENTS OF THE BILL: Water and Ag Resources Review committee

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Members of the public who are interested in the activities of these Commissions.

BACKGROUND: The bill renews the public engagement requirement for the members of the parks and wildlife commission who are appointed by the governor as the requirement existed prior to the merger of parks and wildlife. It adds the same public engagement requirement for members of the state agricultural commission and the Colorado water conservation board who are appointed by the governor.

Is this bill necessary this year? There is no deadline.

How does the bill change current law? It makes public meetings a statutory requirement

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No.

How is the bill implemented? The bill is self-executing.

Practical considerations:

Fiscal Impact: \$19,168 from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture; and • \$19,132 to the Department of Natural Resources, including \$12,436 from the Wildlife Cash Fund and \$6,696 from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund.