

**Legislative
Council Staff***Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature***FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number:	LLS 18-1270	Date:	July 10, 2018
Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Scott; Todd Rep. Saine; Melton	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely

Fiscal Analyst: Clare Pramuk | 303-866-2677
Clare.Pramuk@state.co.us

Bill Topic:	EVALUATE PREREQUISITES SEAPLANE OPERATION IN CO
--------------------	---

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity
--------------------------------------	--	--

This bill would have required the Division of Parks and Wildlife to conduct two stakeholder processes and to develop a report on allowing seaplanes access to two lakes at state parks. In addition, the bill would have allowed seaplanes to land in state parks in the event of an emergency. The bill would have increased workload for the division in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
-----------------------------------	-------------------------------

Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.
--------------------------------	--

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Division of Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources to conduct two stakeholder processes to:

- establish procedures for the mandatory inspection and decontamination of seaplanes landing on state bodies of water for purposes of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) prevention and containment; and
- evaluate seaplane access to two state park lakes identified by the division.

The division is required to report to the General Assembly on both issues by September 1, 2019. In addition, the bill allows seaplanes to land in state parks in the event of an emergency, which is currently permitted under rule.

Background

Division of Parks and Wildlife staff serve on the Executive Committee of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species, which recently created a subcommittee on seaplanes. The goals of the subcommittee overlap closely with the requirements of the bill related to ANS and include:

- creating a standard inspection and decontamination protocol that is accepted for use in the western United States;
- creating standard training requirements and quality control requirements for seaplane inspection and decontamination programs; and
- determining a list of research needs related to ANS and seaplane risk as a vector risk for the spread of ANS.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase workload and meeting costs for the Division of Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources beginning in FY 2018-19 and ending in FY 2019-20 to conduct stakeholder processes and produce reports for the General Assembly. While some of the work will be done by the committee noted in the background section, division staff will need to develop Colorado specific procedures with Colorado stakeholders. The second stakeholder process to evaluate seaplane access to lakes in state parks will increase staff workload in a number of different program areas, including park operations, law enforcement, and ANS management. Division staff can accomplish the stakeholder processes and reports within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on May 7, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

Law Natural Resources