



## SB18-019

**SHORT TITLE:** Expanded Duration For Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Revolving Loans

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning an expansion of the duration for which the Colorado water resources and power development authority may make a loan under the authority's revolving loan programs.

**SPONSORS:** [Sen. D. Coram](#) | [Sen. K. Donovan](#) | [Rep. J. Arndt](#) | [Rep. C. Hansen](#) (Interim bill)

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Committee – Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To allow the Colorado Water and Power Development Authority to extend loans that exceed the current 20-year limit following project completion. This extended time is consistent with the federal clean water act which allows loans up to the lesser of 30 years or the projected useful life of the project as determined by the state.

**PROPOSERS OF THE BILL:** Colorado Water and Power Development Authority

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Developers of water projects

**BACKGROUND:** Since the Colorado statute containing the 20-year limit was enacted, the federal Clean Water Act was amended to allow for the longer loan term; however, Colorado law has not yet been updated.

**Is this bill necessary this year?** No but it is desirable to maintain consistency with federal law and in recognition of the time required to pay the loan if it does not extend past the useful life of the project.

**How does the bill change current law?** The bill repeals the 20-year limitation and allows such terms as agreed upon by the governmental agency seeking the loan and the Colorado Water and Power Development Authority and which comply with the Clean Water Act.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No.

**How is the bill implemented?** Upon enactment, the Colorado Water and Power Development Authority would negotiate terms for new loans in compliance with the statute. This should be self-executing unless separate regulations require amendment.

**Practical considerations:** Each project and loan application would undergo the same type of scrutiny as under current law.

**Fiscal Impact:** None identified.