



## March 14, 2014

# The Briefing

### Progressive 15 Updates:

- Suggested transportation funding changes to focus on population could adversely impact funding in rural Colorado - Watch for **CALL TO ACTION** from us soon with details.
- New Broadband legislation to be introduced. We are currently reviewing.
- Federal Level water rights issues are being followed closely
- More planning for Water Summit on the 28th of March.

Now available in our [Legislative Action Center](#) - Senate and House committees' members and contact information

Our bill tracking sheets for each committee are now live on our website at [Legislative Action Center](#)

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO DATE BY YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

To see the current status in the legislative process click on the "Legislative Action Center" above.

### **Support:**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>
HB-1085	Adult Education & Literacy Programs
SB-004	Community College 4 year Program
SB-081	School Inspections Plumbing & Inspection
HB-1067	Extend time to implement SB 252 from 2013
HB-1066	Extra money for County Clerks on drivers license fees in counties under 100,000 population
SB-007	Flexibility on County Funds transfer to Road & Bridge during declared emergency by Governor
HB-1161	Amtrak preservation & expansion
HB-1259	Transfer of Fund to Transportation
HB-1207	Establish a take back prescription program
HB-1203	Transfer of funds from general fund to upgrade statewide digital trunked radio system
HB-1013	Reimbursement of some expenses for qualifying apprenticeships/internships in advanced industries
HB-1178	Sale and Use Tax exemption for qualified property used in Space Flight
SB-022	Community Development Financial Institutions

### **Oppose:**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>
HB-1090	Super majority to increase fees at state level
HB-1076	Early Childhood Quality Incentive Program
SB-86	Charter School Cap Construction Revolving Loan Program

## Progress

<a href="#">HB-1216</a>	<a href="#">Safety Markings on towers under 200 ft</a>
<a href="#">SB-017</a>	<a href="#">Restrictions on amount of grass planted when using water transferred from Ag</a>
<a href="#">HB-1124</a>	<a href="#">Instate tuition for out of state indian tribes</a>
<a href="#">HB-1154</a>	<a href="#">Adjunct Faculty Bill</a>
<a href="#">SB-114</a>	<a href="#">Expansion of CSU-Global offerings to include Freshman / Sophomore classes</a>

## ive 15 2013 Report & 2014 Leadership

### Local Updates:

#### Publications, Tools, Learning and Funding

Thanks to Gigi Dennis from Tri State G&T for this list of resources, webinars and grants! For the entire list, visit: <http://bit.ly/1qAuoOA>

#### Micheal McInnes Appointed Interim Executive Vice-President & General Manager of Tri-State G&T

For the entire press release from Tri-State G&T, visit: <http://bit.ly/1kPKTpd>

### State Updates:

#### Connect For Health Colorado and Colorado Medicaid Update

For the entire press release from Connect for Health Colorado, visit: <http://bit.ly/1ierJ7D>

#### Industrial Hemp Registration Now Open

For the entire press release from the Department of Ag, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/1igwpy8>

### State Board & Commission Openings

We are looking for applicants for the following boards and commissions that have terms expiring in March and April. If you are interested in applying, please submit your application and resume as soon as possible.

## **March**

**Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board  
Colorado Podiatry Board**

## **April**

**Caring for Colorado Foundation Board of Directors  
Real Estate Commission  
Collection Agency Board  
Denver Metropolitan Area Regional Air Quality Council**

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovHickenlooper/CBON/1249674847715>

## **Federal Updates:**

### **Farm Bill Discussions with Senator Bennet**

Space is limited, so RSVPs are required. Please see the event calendar later in The Briefing for meeting dates, times and RSVP info. RSVPs should include the name of the attendee(s), title, organization, email, and a good phone number in case we have updates on the event.

## **Membership:**

### **New Members**

### **Member Renewals**

Trevor Tuell  
Washington County  
Allen Mitchek  
United Power

## **2014 Calendar:**

*(Progressive 15 events in Blue)*

## March

18 - Farm Bill Discussion with Senator Bennet - Limon 3:15 p.m.  
RSVP: james\_thompson@bennet.senate.gov

28 - Summit- All About Water 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Country Steak Out, Fort Morgan

## April

## May

16 - Summit - The Rural Urban Connection 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Location TBD

## June

## July

18 - Committee Planning Summit

## August

## September

18-19 - Fall Conference

## October

## November

## December

8 - Annual Leadership Retreat

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