

House Energy & Environment

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Testimony - HB21-1145 Support Pollinator Special License Plate

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Mr.	Peter	Wadden	For	Self
Mr.	Mark	Guttridge	For	Self
Miss	Nahia	Mendenhall	For	Girl Scout Troop #76907
Mrs.	Polly	Reetz	For	Denver Audubon
Mr	Tim	Plass	For	PPAN (People and Pollinators Action Network)
	Mitch	Savage	Neutral	Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ms.	Julia	Buck	For	Girl Scout Troop 76907

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My name is Jason Roth. I live in Berthoud, am part of a family of four, and work full time as an Environmental Project Manager/Ecologist with CDOT-Region 4 as well as part time as the owner of an environmental consulting LLC. My family values the beautiful environment of our shared Colorado and realizes that an ideal, clean, and functioning ecosystem requires necessary resources and proactive collaboration.

I wholeheartedly support HB21-1145 as it will generate funding for the crucial work of restoring and enhancing habitat and protecting pollinating insects which all Coloradans depend on. A healthy population of insects is crucial for state agriculture via crop pollination, in addition to being a vital part of the overall food chain and ecosystem supporting higher orders of wildlife and game species.

Considering reallocation of the general fund and State agency benefits toward Covid public health/safety and economic relief and recovery, funds will undoubtedly be lacking for pollinating insect protections and associated habitat restoration/enhancements. This is where approval of HB21-1145 could fill the void by generating funds from only voluntary contributors with the means and interest to support pollinator conservation efforts. I see no downside to this approach, since it provides no burden or financial requirement of Coloradans without the means or interest for pollinator conservation.

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Jason	Roth	For	Self
Ingrid	Moore	For	Self

House Energy & Environment Committee Public Hearing
HB21-1145 Support Pollinator Special License Plate
Thursday, March 11, 2021

Chairman Valdez and distinguished members of the Committee; my name is Ingrid Moore, from Longmont. I'm a concerned citizen speaking on my own behalf in **support** of House Bill 21-1145.

This bill creates the Support Pollinators group special license plate. The license plate is available to all applicants that pay a one-time special license plate fee of \$50 and give a donation to a designated Colorado nonprofit organization as determined by the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR).

The nonprofit organization may only use the donations to support pollination programs and education.

The status of insect pollinator populations is in critical decline at this time. Estimates and studies in Europe have shown that numbers of flying insects could have drastically dropped by 70-75%, depending on which study you read.

This is one small way for pollinator protection groups to raise enough money to pay for programs such as public education and reseeding/replanting areas for habitat reconstruction. These groups are largely comprised of volunteers and the money they spend goes directly to program support.

I respectfully ask that you please vote YES on this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Ingrid Moore
Longmont, Colorado
7 March, 2021

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Mr	Tim	Plass	For	PPAN (People and Pollinators Action Network)	Remotely		3/10/2021 16:33
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Within my role with CDOT, I have been a part of many pollinator beneficial actions including the successful 2018 I-76 Colorado Pollinator Highway pilot project near Julesburg and a current ongoing project along the Diagonal Highway (SH 119) in Boulder County. I have seen direct positive effects of these efforts on the overall health of pollinators and their habitat along State managed roadways. Consequently, it is vitally important that this work continues into the future so that Colorado can set the standard and model for other States and their agencies in pollinator conservation. HB21-1145 is a necessary starting point to provide resources required to continue

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Submitted to the positive momentum of pollinator conservation work in our great shared state of Colorado.
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