

# SENATE BILL 18-019



## Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (“CWRPDA”)

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CWRPDA, established in 1981, provides low cost financing to governmental agencies in Colorado primarily for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Colorado’s **Drinking Water Revolving Fund (“DWRF”)** has provided 233 loans to Colorado government agencies totaling \$570 million in principal for drinking water infrastructure projects since inception in 1996. The DWRF was created by amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Colorado’s **Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (“WPCRF”)** has provided 280 loans to Colorado government agencies totaling \$1.17 Billion in principal for wastewater, stormwater and other water pollution control projects since program inception in 1989. The WPCRF was created by amendment to the Clean Water Act.

## Statute Modification Explanation:

Section 37-95-101 et seq. of the Colorado Revised Statute provides the legal framework for Colorado’s WPCRF and DWRF loan programs. The statute reflects some original loan parameters from the federal Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts. Both federal acts have been amended since creation of the two revolving loan funds.

CWRPDA’s proposed statute changes are summarized as follows:

- The state statute limits Colorado’s WPCRF loan term to 20-years plus construction. Amendments to the federal act allow for longer terms. Longer terms would benefit some Colorado local government agencies. Therefore CWRPDA proposes to update the state statute to allow for longer loan terms when applicable, agreed to by the local government and as permitted by the federal act.
- CWRPDA proposes general language to allow Colorado to implement loans as permitted by current and future amendments to the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Acts.
- CWRPDA does not make loans for a term that extends beyond the useful life of the project being financed.