

SB 275**CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF SEAPLANES TO OPERATE IN COLORADO**

SPONSORS: Sen. Scott, Sen. Todd
Rep. Melton, Rep. Saine

FACT SHEET:

- SB 275 is a study bill representing the culmination of months of work and cooperation between Colorado's seaplane and aviation communities, and the Department of Natural Resources.
- Seaplanes offer several potential economic, tourism, and public safety benefits.
- While seaplanes are currently allowed on two privately managed lakes in the state, Colorado is the only state which maintains a prohibition on seaplane operation in state parks, greatly limiting their utilization in wildfire fighting.
- **SB 275 addresses this issue in a cooperative, incremental manner which ensures protection of the state's water resources, allows input from all stakeholders, and provides legislative oversight of the study.**

SB 275 Directs the Division of Parks and Wildlife to:

- Establish procedures for the prevention of aquatic nuisance species, which can be used as a guide for lakes throughout the state and region
- Establish a stakeholder process to *evaluate* seaplane access to 2 lakes located in state parks
- Report back to the general assembly by September 1, 2019

The bill also clarifies the emergency exemption for seaplanes engaged in firefighting efforts.

Please vote YES on this collaborative effort to study seaplane access to state parks in Colorado

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