



Agriculture, Wildlife & Rural Affairs Steering Committee
Friday, February 25, 2022 | 1:30—2:00 pm (approx.)

Agenda as of 2/18/2022

Welcome/Introductions

Chair: Commissioner Tony Hass, Las Animas County
 Vice Chair: Commissioner Terry Hofmeister, Phillips County
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New Legislation for Discussion (1 Bill)

<u>SB22-131, Protect Health of Pollinators and People</u>			
H-Spon	M. Froelich & C. Kipp	S-Spon	K. Priola & S. Jaquez Lewis
Summary	<p>The bill implements a number of measures to protect pollinators and people throughout the state. Section 1 of the bill makes legislative findings.</p> <p>Section 2 restricts the use of pesticides on the grounds of a school, preschool program, child care center, or children's resident camp and requires that notification be sent when a pesticide is used at such a location. The executive director of the department of public health and environment may adopt rules to implement section 2.</p> <p>Section 3 requires the executive director of the department of natural resources or the executive director's designee (DNR executive director) to conduct a study on how to address pollinator decline and increase pollinator health in the state. In conducting the study, the DNR executive director shall consult with other state agencies and with scientists with expertise in pollinator health, ecological processes, biodiversity, native plants, and ecological land management. The DNR executive director shall submit a report of the study to the general assembly and the governor on or before January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Section 4 creates a pilot grant program in the department of agriculture to provide financial grants to agricultural producers to test the use of noncoated seed-applied systemic insecticide on their crops.</p> <p>Sections 5 and 6 require the commissioner of agriculture to adopt rules designating as restricted-use certain pesticides that contain an active ingredient belonging to the neonicotinoid class of insecticides or the sulfoximine class of insecticides, but allowing the use of such pesticides in pet care, personal care, wood preservatives, and indoor pest-control products and products used on golf courses. The commissioner's rules will not affect the use of the restricted-use pesticides for agricultural purposes.</p> <p>Sections 7 through 10 authorize local governments to regulate pesticide use and remove certain preemptions regarding local government regulation of pesticide use.</p>		
Status	Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Agriculture & Natural Resources		
Position	Pending		

Other Business

Adjourn

In Case You Missed It...

Next Check-in with Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture
Thursday, March 3, 4:00-5:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235368858?pwd=MUJhU0RlTHNFbjZlOWhWNkI5RXplUT09>

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