

Newsletter – Legislative Day 94

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Wolf Reintroduction: Protect Our Ranchers

As you know, Colorado voters passed Proposition 114 in 2020 requiring the reintroduction of wolves into our state. I am a co-sponsor for two bills that will help alleviate the negative impacts of this proposition.

SB23-255 Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund will make an appropriation to offer compensation for livestock that are injured or killed by a gray wolf. The State was made responsible for management of this wolf reintroduction, thus the State must be held accountable when damages are accrued as a result of wolf depredation.

SB23-256 Management of Gray Wolves Reintroduction sets the prerequisites that wolf reintroduction cannot happen until the U.S. Department of Interior grants a 10J Rule AND an analysis of the associated environmental impacts is completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

One of the jobs of the Colorado State Legislature is to mitigate problems that are created from either current statute and/or changing situations. Both SB23-255 and SB23-256 will offer crucial protections for our ranchers and help to make the process of reintroducing wolves less invasive.

Bill Watch: Harm to Private Property Rights

Senate Bill 23-213

On April 6th, over 200 Coloradoans testified on SB23-213 “Land Use” in front of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. This controversial measure would allow the State of Colorado to take land-use and zoning powers from local governments and municipalities.



Pictured: Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer, Senator Rod Pelton, and I in Committee. As former county commissioners, we understand the need for local control.

Senate Bill 23-184

This bill will restrict landlords from asking prospective tenants about their rental history, income amount, and credit history. This bill is anti-private business owner and is a prime example of the government picking winners and losers in our market.

Save-the-Date

Join me in Fort Morgan to talk about what is happening at the State Capitol. Everyone is invited, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Fort Morgan Coffee Meeting

When: Monday, April 24
6:30 AM to 7:30 AM

Where: Home Plate Fort Morgan
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