

**UPDATED SUMMARY  
HOUSE BILL 15-1006**

**First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly**

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*This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.*

**Water Resources Review Committee.** The bill establishes a ~~5-year~~ *2-year* grant program for the management of invasive phreatophytes, which are deep-rooted plants that consume water from the water table or the layer of soil just above the water table. **Section 1** of the bill creates the invasive phreatophyte *grant control* program (*program*) ~~account in the noxious weed management fund to be administered by the Colorado water conservation board.~~ **Section 2** ~~creates the grant program. The department of agriculture administers the grant program under its authority to manage noxious weeds.~~ To qualify for a grant, an applicant must propose a project for the management of invasive phreatophytes that utilizes best management practices *that decrease the consumption of water and protect the riparian habitat native to each basin in which the projects are proposed.*

*In fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, \$2 million is transferred from the severance tax operational fund to the Colorado water conservation board construction fund for implementation of the program.*

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