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Representative Marc Catlin Unanimously Moves Noxious Weed Advisory Bill into Law

Denver, Colorado – Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin moved <u>SB23-185</u>, Sunset Noxious Weed Advisory Committee bill, into law. The bill was signed by Governor Jared Polis, on May 1, 2023. The law implements the recommendation of the Department of Regulatory Agencies to continue the noxious weed advisory committee until September 1, 2034. The law does not require a state expense. The bi-partisan bill received unanimous approval from all state legislators.

The prime sponsors in the Colorado House of Representatives were <u>Meghan Lukens</u> (D-HD26) of Routt County and <u>Marc Catlin</u> (R-HD58) of Montrose County. The prime sponsor in the Colorado Senate were <u>Rod Pelton</u> (R-SD35) of Eagle County and <u>Janice Marchman</u> (D-SD15) of Larimer County.

Representative Marc Catlin says, "The Noxious Weed Advisory Committee has made great strides to control the invasive species that reduce agricultural productivity, exacerbates wind and water erosion and pose an increased threat to wildfire. It is great to see that the state of Colorado will continue this committee which our agriculturalists and rural communities need to thrive."

Colorado State Representative Marc Catlin represents the eight counties of Dolores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel. Representative Catlin Vice Chairs the Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee, is a member of the Capital Development Committee and Ranking member of the Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee.
