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HB26-1145 Mobile Home Park Water Quality

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Jennifer Hutton For themselves	<p>Moving forward, water quality and access will be an unavoidable topic to manage.</p> <p>With the looming distress of the Post-2026 water management plan for the Colorado River use mounting, water will need to be delt with delicately. The 40 million people relying on the river include residents in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California.</p> <p>Colorado's upper basin is not like other states respectively because it doesn't pull from larger water diversions that the lower basin does such as the Central Arizona Project canal, the All-American Canal, and the California Aqueduct all of which are fed by Lake Mead and other reservoirs. Colorado is different because it pulls from smaller tributaries and the Colorado river via hundreds of much smaller diversions. Making cuts would require shutting off thousands of irrigation ditches to thousands of small water users under dubious authority, regardless if it's for water cuts OR contamination.</p> <p>What this means is water will not always be easily accessible to use or clean any potential messes and can become numerous processes in cases of multiple poorly managed water sites. Due to this, communities will need to safeguard themselves from encroaching health and environmental problems which will take more time and resources to respond to, especially in rural areas where mobile home parks are likely to be.</p>

	<p>People deserve access to basic necessities, and if a business is to take up vacancy they need to have an integrated business plan to guarantee it and incorporate it to fulfill future requirements and adjustments to our states sharing plans in that collective water.</p> <p>So many of these communities have also been exploited of their need to no avail. Tapping wells have become an expensive gamble and do not guarantee access to clean water. Studies have shown clean water access reduces sickness and reduces strain on environmental complications. This is not a single independent individual we're discussing, we're talking about a community, and it's building plans need to have them in mind by people willing and able to manage them.</p> <p>There is room for very little error moving forward.</p> <p>Be on par with Michigan, because we won't stop.</p>
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