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**SENATE BILL 25-305**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 CONCERNING THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE DIVISION OF  
102 ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
103 ENVIRONMENT ISSUES PERMITS RELATING TO WATER QUALITY,  
104 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN  
105 APPROPRIATION.

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law requires the division of administration (division) within the department of public health and

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environment to report annually to the water quality control commission (commission) and to include in the report any regulatory or legislative recommendations the division may have. The bill requires the report to also include:

- Information on the division's timing in considering and issuing water quality permits (permits); and
- For the report submitted in 2026, a detailed discussion of how the division has prioritized reducing the permit backlog, implemented recommendations from water quality permittees (permittee) for permitting efficiency, and increased safe drinking water program inspections.

The bill requires the division, upon receipt of an application to modify a permit, to limit its review and its approval or denial of the application to the scope of the specific requests contained in the application.

The bill requires the commission to adopt rules on or before December 31, 2026, that establish procedures whereby the division, prior to giving public notice of a complete permit application for an individual permit and the division's preliminary analysis of the application, may provide a period of public notice and review of a preliminary draft prepared by the division. If a period of public notice and review is required by rules of the commission, the period of public notice and review may not exceed 14 days, and the purpose of the review is limited to identifying errors in the division's preliminary draft.

On or before December 31, 2027, the division must propose rules to the commission that establish a time frame during which the division will either grant or deny applications for each type of permitting action. On or before June 30, 2028, the commission must adopt rules based on the division's proposal. The rules must establish the time frames for permitting actions.

The bill requires the division to consider current debt service on existing local government water infrastructure when developing schedules of compliance for new effluent limits in local government permits. Any schedule of compliance for new effluent limits in local government permits must, consistent with state and federal law, consider the local government's financial capability to repay existing debt on water infrastructure or to fund water infrastructure upgrades before requiring new water infrastructure upgrades. To the extent allowable under federal law, the division may issue compliance schedules in a local government permit for a new effluent limit in excess of 20 years.

The bill states that, on and after May 1, 2026, after an application for permit modification or permit renewal has been pending before the division for 60 days, or for any application for permit modification or permit renewal that is pending before the division as of May 1, 2026, or if the division informs an applicant that the division will not process an

application for preliminary effluent limitations, the applicant and the division may mutually agree to use a qualified and independent nongovernmental contractor (contractor) under the direction of the division to provide the division with technical assistance in completing the permit action. The division shall maintain a list of at least 3 qualified nongovernmental contractors for this purpose.

An applicant shall bear the contractor's costs for any technical assistance provided by the contractor and shall pay the contractor for such costs. The division may charge an applicant an additional fee in an amount not exceeding 10% of the contract amount for contract administration, technical review, and additional permit processing, which fee is credited to the clean water cash fund. The division may, before issuing its final permit action, require the applicant to fully pay this fee and any contractor costs. The division shall provide oversight to ensure that contractors provide technical assistance in accordance with the terms of their contracts.

The bill requires the division, upon a permittee's request, to make available to the permittee all documents, data, and information the division relied upon in developing the permittee's permit modification or permit renewal, except to the extent that such materials are protected by an applicable privilege or exception.

The bill makes the following transfers of money:

- On July 1, 2025, \$111,000 from the water quality improvement fund to the drinking water cash fund;
- On July 1, 2025, \$3,518,564 from the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances cash fund to the clean water cash fund;
- On July 1, 2026, \$3,002,435 from the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances cash fund to the clean water cash fund; and
- On July 1, 2026, \$516,129 dollars from the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances cash fund to the drinking water cash fund.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-305, **amend**  
3 (2)(f) and (4)(b); and **add** (2)(h) and (4)(c) as follows:

4           **25-8-305. Annual report - repeal.** (2) The annual report  
5 described in subsection (1) of this section must include information on the  
6 division's:

1 (f) Ratio of general fund appropriations to cash fund  
2 appropriations that were authorized for the state fiscal year immediately  
3 preceding the date of the report; and

4 (h) TIMING IN CONSIDERING AND ISSUING PERMITS, INCLUDING THE  
5 NUMBER OF YEARS ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTINUED PERMITS HAVE BEEN  
6 PENDING, CATEGORIZED BY YEARS PENDING, AND A NARRATIVE  
7 DESCRIPTION OF THE DIVISION'S PLAN FOR PROCESSING ADMINISTRATIVELY  
8 CONTINUED PERMITS THAT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTINUED  
9 FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS.

10 (4) (b) ~~This subsection (4) is repealed, effective July 1, 2026~~ THE  
11 REPORT THAT THE DIVISION SUBMITS IN 2026 MUST INCLUDE A DETAILED  
12 DISCUSSION OF HOW THE DIVISION HAS PRIORITIZED REDUCING THE WATER  
13 QUALITY PERMIT BACKLOG, IMPLEMENTED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
14 PERMITTEES FOR PERMITTING EFFICIENCY, AND INCREASED THE NUMBER  
15 OF SAFE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM INSPECTIONS.

16 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-501, **amend** (2)  
18 as follows:

19 **25-8-501. Permits required for discharge of pollutants -**  
20 **administration.** (2) (a) The division shall examine applications for and  
21 may issue, suspend, revoke, modify, deny, and otherwise administer  
22 permits for the discharge of pollutants into state waters and for the use  
23 and disposal of biosolids. ~~Such~~ THE administration shall be in accordance  
24 with ~~the provisions of this article~~ ARTICLE 8 and ~~regulations promulgated~~  
25 RULES ADOPTED by the commission. Until modified pursuant to this  
26 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 8, final permits shall be governed by their existing  
27 limitations.

1 (b) UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION TO MODIFY A PERMIT, THE  
2 DIVISION SHALL LIMIT ITS REVIEW AND, AS APPROPRIATE, ITS APPROVAL OR  
3 DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION, TO THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS  
4 CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-502, **add** (3)(d)  
6 and (7) as follows:

7 **25-8-502. Application - definitions - fees - funds created -**  
8 **public participation - rules - repeal.** (3) (d) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER  
9 31, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING  
10 PROCEDURES WHEREBY THE DIVISION, PRIOR TO GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
11 A COMPLETE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PERMIT AND THE  
12 DIVISION'S PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO  
13 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION, MAY PROVIDE A PERIOD OF PUBLIC  
14 NOTICE AND REVIEW OF A PRELIMINARY DRAFT PREPARED BY THE  
15 DIVISION. IF A PERIOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND REVIEW IS REQUIRED BY  
16 RULES OF THE COMMISSION, THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND REVIEW  
17 MAY NOT EXCEED FOURTEEN DAYS, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW IS  
18 LIMITED TO IDENTIFYING ERRORS IN THE DIVISION'S PRELIMINARY DRAFT.  
19 THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE ON THE DIVISION'S PUBLIC WEBSITE  
20 ANY DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION DURING A PERIOD OF PUBLIC  
21 NOTICE AND REVIEW.

22 (7) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2027, THE DIVISION SHALL  
23 PROPOSE RULES TO THE COMMISSION THAT ESTABLISH A TIME FRAME  
24 DURING WHICH THE DIVISION WILL EITHER GRANT OR DENY APPLICATIONS  
25 FOR EACH TYPE OF PERMITTING ACTION. ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2028,  
26 THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT RULES BASED ON THE DIVISION'S  
27 PROPOSAL. THE RULES MUST ESTABLISH THE TIME FRAMES FOR

1 PERMITTING ACTIONS, INCLUDING:

2 (I) THE ISSUANCE OF NEW INDIVIDUAL PERMITS AND NEW GENERAL  
3 PERMITS;

4 (II) THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL PERMITS AND INDIVIDUAL PERMITS;

5 (III) THE GRANTING OR DENYING OF REQUESTS FOR PERMIT  
6 MODIFICATIONS; AND

7 (IV) THE DETERMINATION OF PRELIMINARY EFFLUENT  
8 LIMITATIONS.

9 (b) (I) THE DIVISION SHALL BEGIN THE PROCESS TO CREATE A  
10 PROPOSAL OF TIME FRAMES FOR PERMITTING ACTIONS FOR THE PURPOSES  
11 OF SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2025.

12 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (7)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-503, **add** (10)  
14 as follows:

15 **25-8-503. Permits - when required and when prohibited -**  
16 **variances - definition.** (10) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL CONSIDER CURRENT  
17 DEBT SERVICE ON EXISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE  
18 WHEN DEVELOPING SCHEDULES OF COMPLIANCE FOR NEW EFFLUENT LIMITS  
19 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS.

20 (b) ANY SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE THAT THE DIVISION DEVELOPS  
21 FOR NEW EFFLUENT LIMITS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITS MUST,  
22 CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, CONSIDER THE LOCAL  
23 GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO REPAY EXISTING DEBT ON  
24 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE OR TO FUND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES  
25 BEFORE REQUIRING NEW WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES. TO THE  
26 EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THE DIVISION MAY ESTABLISH  
27 COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMIT FOR A NEW

1 EFFLUENT LIMIT IN EXCESS OF TWENTY YEARS.

2 (c) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (10), "WATER INFRASTRUCTURE"  
3 INCLUDES WASTEWATER TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, DRINKING WATER  
4 TREATMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND RAW WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

5 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25-8-503.7** as  
6 follows:

7 **25-8-503.7. Use of qualified and independent contractors -**  
8 **powers and duties of the division - fees - definitions.** (1) ON AND  
9 AFTER MAY 1, 2026, AN APPLICANT AND THE DIVISION MAY MUTUALLY  
10 AGREE TO USE A QUALIFIED AND INDEPENDENT NONGOVERNMENTAL  
11 CONTRACTOR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE THE  
12 DIVISION WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE PERMIT  
13 ACTION IF:

14 (a) AN APPLICATION FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION OR PERMIT  
15 RENEWAL HAS BEEN PENDING BEFORE THE DIVISION FOR SIXTY DAYS;

16 (b) AN APPLICATION FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION OR PERMIT  
17 RENEWAL IS PENDING BEFORE THE DIVISION AS OF MAY 1, 2026; OR

18 (c) THE DIVISION INFORMS AN APPLICANT THAT THE DIVISION WILL  
19 NOT PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS.

20 (2) A CONTRACTOR THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
21 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY ASSIST THE DIVISION WITH SOME OR ALL  
22 OF THE FOLLOWING, AT THE DIVISION'S DISCRETION:

23 (a) PREPARING THE DIVISION'S PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION;

24 (b) PREPARING THE DIVISION'S RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS  
25 RECEIVED ON THE PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION, IF ANY;

26 (c) PREPARING THE DIVISION'S FINAL PERMIT ACTION;

27 (d) AIDING IN THE DIVISION'S DEFENSE OF THE FINAL PERMIT

1 ACTION IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS; AND

2 (e) AIDING IN THE DIVISION'S DEFENSE OF THE FINAL PERMIT  
3 ACTION IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

4 (3) THE APPLICANT SHALL BEAR THE CONTRACTOR'S COSTS FOR  
5 ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND  
6 SHALL REMIT PAYMENT FOR THE COSTS DIRECTLY TO THE CONTRACTOR.  
7 THE DIVISION MAY CHARGE THE APPLICANT AN ADDITIONAL FEE IN AN  
8 AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR  
9 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, TECHNICAL REVIEW, AND ADDITIONAL  
10 PERMIT PROCESSING. MONEY COLLECTED AS AN ADDITIONAL FEE SHALL  
11 BE CREDITED TO THE CLEAN WATER CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
12 25-8-210. THE DIVISION MAY, BEFORE ISSUING ITS FINAL PERMIT ACTION,  
13 REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO FULLY PAY THE ADDITIONAL FEE AND ANY  
14 CONTRACTOR COSTS.

15 (4) (a) THE DIVISION, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, SHALL PROVIDE  
16 OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE THAT CONTRACTORS PROVIDE TECHNICAL  
17 ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THEIR CONTRACTS. THE  
18 DIVISION MAY REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
19 CONFORM TO ALL COMMISSION RULES, DIVISION POLICIES, AND DIVISION  
20 PRACTICES APPLICABLE TO THE PERMIT ACTION IN QUESTION.

21 (b) THE DIVISION MAY DEEM SOME OR ALL OF THE CONTRACTOR'S  
22 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS UNACCEPTABLE AND MAY REJECT, REQUIRE  
23 CORRECTION OF, OR DENY APPROVAL FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. THE  
24 DIVISION'S REJECTION, REQUIRED CORRECTION, OR DENIAL OF APPROVAL  
25 OF A CONTRACTOR'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS NOT SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL  
26 OR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND DOES NOT RELIEVE AN APPLICANT OF  
27 THE OBLIGATION TO PAY THE CONTRACTOR'S COSTS FOR SUCH TECHNICAL



1 ASSISTANCE.

2 (c) THE DIVISION'S USE OF CONTRACTORS PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SECTION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE DIVISION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS  
4 ARTICLE 8.

5 (d) THE DIVISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
6 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24, IN SELECTING  
7 OR CONTRACTING WITH THE CONTRACTORS.

8 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
9 REQUIRES:

10 (a) "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" MEANS A DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIAL  
11 PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF A PERMIT OR  
12 PERMIT ACTION SUCH THAT A CONTRACTOR IS UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS  
13 DUTY TO REMAIN FAIR, IMPARTIAL, OR OBJECTIVE.

14 (b) "INDEPENDENT" MEANS HAVING NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
15 WITH A PERMITTEE.

16 (c) "QUALIFIED" MEANS HAVING SUBSTANTIAL PROFESSIONAL  
17 EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR EXPERIENCE IN WATER QUALITY PERMITTING.

18 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-210, **add**  
19 (4)(a)(I.2) as follows:

20 **25-8-210. Fees established administratively - rules -**  
21 **shareholding requirement - phase-in period - clean water cash fund**  
22 **- creation - repeal.** (4) (a) The clean water cash fund is created in the  
23 state treasury. The fund consists of:

24 (I.2) FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-8-503.7 (3);

25 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-8-503.8 as  
26 follows:

27 **25-8-503.8. Documents, information, and data utilized in**

1     **developing permits.** UPON A PERMITTEE'S REQUEST, THE DIVISION SHALL  
2     MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PERMITTEE ALL DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND  
3     INFORMATION THE DIVISION RELIED UPON IN DEVELOPING THE PERMITTEE'S  
4     PERMIT MODIFICATION OR PERMIT, INCLUDING ANY MODEL, TOOL, OR  
5     TABULAR WORKSHEET AND ANY FORMULAS, MACROS, METADATA, AND  
6     CALCULATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH MATERIALS, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT  
7     THAT THE DOCUMENTS, DATA, AND INFORMATION ARE PROTECTED BY AN  
8     APPLICABLE PRIVILEGE, SUCH AS THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE OR THE  
9     DELIBERATIVE-PROCESS PRIVILEGE, OR ARE SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION  
10    FROM DISCLOSURE SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-72-204.

11           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-8-608, **amend**  
12    (1.8) as follows:

13           **25-8-608. Civil penalties - rules - fund created - temporary**  
14    **moratorium on penalties for minor violations - definitions - repeal.**

15    (1.8) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (1.5) or (1.7) of  
16    this section to the contrary, on ~~April 20, 2009~~ JULY 1, 2025, the state  
17    treasurer shall ~~deduct seven hundred thousand dollars~~ TRANSFER ONE  
18    HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS from the water quality  
19    improvement fund ~~and transfer such sum~~ to the ~~general fund~~ DRINKING  
20    WATER CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-209 (2).

21           (b) THIS SUBSECTION (1.8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1,  
22    2026.

23           **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-20-206.5, **add**  
24    (7)(d) as follows:

25           **8-20-206.5. Environmental response surcharge - liquefied**  
26    **petroleum gas and natural gas inspection fund - perfluoroalkyl and**  
27    **polyfluoroalkyl substances cash fund - hazardous materials**

1 **infrastructure cash fund - fuels impact reduction grant program -**  
2 **definitions - repeal. (7) (d) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (7)(c)**

3 OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE  
4 FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM THE FUND ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

5 (A) ON JULY 1, 2025, THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN  
6 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS TO THE CLEAN WATER  
7 CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 25-8-210;

8 (B) ON JULY 1, 2026, THREE MILLION TWO THOUSAND FOUR  
9 HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THE CLEAN WATER CASH FUND  
10 CREATED IN SECTION 25-8-210; AND

11 (C) ON JULY 1, 2026, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE  
12 HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS TO THE DRINKING WATER CASH FUND  
13 CREATED IN SECTION 25-1.5-209 (2).

14 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (7)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028.

15 **SECTION 10. Appropriation. (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal**  
16 **year, \$2,904,599 is appropriated to the department of public health and**  
17 **environment. This appropriation consists of \$446,315 from the drinking**  
18 **water cash fund created in section 25-1.5-209 (2)(a), C.R.S., and**  
19 **\$2,458,284 from the clean water cash fund created in section 25-8-210**  
20 **(4)(a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this**  
21 **appropriation as follows:**

22 (a) \$2,035,705, from the clean water cash fund for clean water  
23 program costs which amount is based on an assumption that the  
24 department will require an additional 18.0 FTE;

25 (b) \$385,345 from the drinking water cash fund for use by the  
26 drinking water program for personal services, which amount is based on  
27 an assumption that the department will require an additional 4.0 FTE;

1           (c) \$322,938, which consists of \$60,970 from the drinking water  
2 cash fund and \$261,968 from the clean water cash fund for use by the  
3 water quality control division for indirect cost assessments; and

4           (d) \$160,611 from the clean water cash fund for the purchase of  
5 legal services.

6           (2) For the 2025-26 state fiscal year, \$160,611 is appropriated to  
7 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
8 received from the department of public health and environment under  
9 subsection (1)(d) of this section and is based on an assumption that the  
10 department of law will require an additional 0.7 FTE. To implement this  
11 act, the department of law may use this appropriation to provide legal  
12 services for the department of public health and environment.

13           **SECTION 11. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

14           (1) To implement this act, appropriations made in the annual general  
15 appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of  
16 public health and environment for use by the administration and support  
17 division are adjusted as follows:

18           (a) The general fund appropriation for health, life, and dental is  
19 decreased by \$171,630;

20           (b) The appropriation for health, life, and dental is increased by  
21 \$171,630 which consists of \$31,205 from the drinking water cash fund  
22 created in section 25-1.5-209 (2)(a), C.R.S., and \$140,425 from the clean  
23 water cash fund created in section 25-8-210 (4)(a), C.R.S.

24           (c) The general fund appropriation for short-term disability is  
25 decreased by \$2,140;

26           (d) The appropriation for short-term disability is increased by  
27 \$2,140, which consists of \$389 from the drinking water cash fund created

1 in section 25-1.5-209 (2)(a), C.R.S., and \$1,751 from the clean water cash  
2 fund created in section 25-8-210 (4)(a), C.R.S.

3 (e) The general fund appropriation for unfunded liability  
4 amortization equalization disbursement payments is decreased by  
5 \$140,238; and

6 (f) The appropriation for unfunded liability amortization  
7 equalization disbursement payments is increased by \$140,238, which  
8 consists of \$25,498 from the drinking water cash fund created in section  
9 25-1.5-209 (2)(a), C.R.S., and \$114,740 from the clean water cash fund  
10 created in section 25-8-210 (4)(a), C.R.S.

11 **SECTION 12. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
14 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
15 institutions.