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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonnenberg **Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture
 Rep. McKean; Esgar **Fiscal Analyst:** Matt Becker (303-866-4785)

BILL TOPIC: DEDICATE RESERVOIR RELEASE ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a process by which a storage water right owner may obtain a water court decree authorizing releases to be delivered downstream for decreed beneficial uses by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The releases may be used in the intervening stream reach to preserve or improve the natural environment, if certain conditions are met.

State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase workload for the CWCB Instream Flow Program and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) within the Department of Natural Resources. The CWCB is expected to accomplish the workload required to process any new transactions within existing appropriations. CPW currently provides biological analyses for CWCB water acquisitions and will attempt to accomplish any new workload within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology Judicial - Civil Law Natural Resources

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: www.leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes/