

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

May 2, 2017  
Date

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB17-1248 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 7, after line 11 insert:

2           **"SECTION 10. South Platte river basin groundwater level**  
3 **data collection, analysis, and remediation - appropriation.** (1) For the  
4 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$325,000 is appropriated to the department of  
5 natural resources for use by the Colorado water conservation board. This  
6 appropriation is from the Colorado water conservation board construction  
7 fund created in section 37-60-121, C.R.S. To implement this section, the  
8 Colorado water conservation board may use this appropriation as follows:  
9 To award grants for projects in response to damaging high groundwater  
10 levels in areas of the South Platte river basin for the construction,  
11 maintenance, and monitoring of dewatering infrastructure; to cover  
12 dewatering well pumping costs; to continue the evaluation of both the  
13 cause of the high groundwater levels and exigent remediation efforts  
14 implemented in response to the high groundwater levels; to collect and  
15 analyze groundwater data; to install instrumentation and monitoring  
16 devices; and to perform groundwater modeling.

17           (2) The money appropriated in subsection (1) of this section  
18 remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully expended."

19 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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