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HB 18-1073

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Gray, Sen. Gardner

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Bill Topic: WATER DIST ABILITY CONTRACT WATER ASSETS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill expands the ability of water conservancy districts to enter into contracts for the use of water or capacity in works. It creates a minimal, ongoing workload increase in the Department of Natural Resources.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a water conservancy district may contract to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the use of its water to public corporations, persons, mutual ditch companies, water users' associations, and other private corporations for irrigation, domestic, or commercial use. This bill allows a water conservancy district to also contract to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of capacity in works (facilities) and expands the allowable recipients to include districts and utilities, and the uses of water and works to include municipal and industrial uses. This bill also allows a water district or its water activity enterprise to contract with any other district or a water activity enterprise of another district for the use of water or a water project or facility.

State Expenditures

The Colorado Water Conservation Board, in the Department of Natural Resources, reviews contracts between water conservancy districts and other entities for certain water projects for which it has provided financial assistance. Any increase in workload that results from this bill can be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government

The bill may increase revenue to water conservancy districts or their water activity enterprises for any contracts related to the use of a water project or facility; however, any increase will likely be offset by the expenditures and other financial obligations related to such contracts.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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