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Revised Fiscal Note

(replaces fiscal note dated February 9, 2022)

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Bill Topic: PRIORITIZE WATER STORAGE PROJECTS SOUTH PLATTE BASIN

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

The bill expands the criteria the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) uses to select projects when making expenditures from the CWCB Construction Fund. The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Natural Resources.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The fiscal note is being revised to remove inaccurate information in the fiscal note dated February 9, 2022

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is authorized to finance water projects from the CWCB Construction Fund, and gives first priority to projects that will increase the beneficial consumptive use of the state's undeveloped interstate compact-entitled waters. This bill amends this first priority to include projects that increase or improve undeveloped compact-entitled water storage in the South Platte River basin to increase beneficial consumptive use in a manner that reduces reliance on transmountain diversions.

State Expenditures

The bill expands the criteria the CWCB uses to prioritize funding recommendations. Because the number and size of future project applications is unknown, it is not possible to estimate how recommendations will impact expenditures from the fund. The bill will minimally increase workload for the CWCB to update internal policies, which can be accomplished with existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources