

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 24, 2022

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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

SB22-126 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 3 insert:

2 (a) As a headwaters state, all of Colorado's major rivers flow
3 downstream to 18 states and Mexico. Coloradans recognize that each
4 river basin in the state is unique, but that all are vital to the viability of the
5 state's overall economy and way of life.

6 (b) Coloradans recognize that we are all connected through the
7 state's rivers, streams, watersheds, and irrigation and water delivery
8 systems. When the state's interstate compact entitlements are threatened
9 in one basin, the water supplies of other basins may be impacted.

10 (c) Colorado will protect and defend its water rights throughout
11 the state and preserve Colorado's interstate compact entitlements,
12 agreements, and decrees;"

13 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

14 Page 3, strike lines 18 through 25 and substitute "INCLUDING THE SOUTH
15 PLATTE RIVER;"

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