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FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hansen; McKean **Bill Status:** House Agriculture
 Sen. Coram; Jones **Fiscal Analyst:** Chris Creighton (303-866-5834)

BILL TOPIC: REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT DEMONSTRATE WATER CONSERVATION

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 requires that applications for real estate development permits include adequate water conservation and demand management measures to reduce water needs and prohibits local governments from approving development permits that fail to demonstrate appropriate water conservation and demand management measures.

Background

Currently, an applicant for a development permit must submit estimated water supply requirements for the proposed development to the local government where the development is to be located. This is done through a report prepared by a registered professional engineer or water supply expert. If the development is to be served by a water supply entity, a letter from the entity stating it is willing and able to provide adequate water to the proposed development may be submitted instead.

State Expenditures

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources works with water providers and local governments on conservation planning. This bill may minimally increase CWCB workload beginning in FY 2017-18 to work with local governments to ensure developments include adequate conservation and demand management measures. Any increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

This bill increases local government workload beginning in FY 2017-18. Workload is increased to ensure that development applications include the water reduction measures required by this bill. Costs will increase should a local government need to hire or contract with a water engineer to verify water service plans.

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. It applies to development permit applications filed on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

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