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HB 19-1271

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number: LLS 19-0997
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Arndt
Sen. Coram

Date: August 12, 2019
Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: AUGMENTION OF INSTREAM FLOWS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have clarified the authority of the Colorado Water Conservation Board to augment stream flows with water that has been previously decreed for augmentation, without requiring a further change of the water right.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation would have been required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies the authority of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources to augment stream flows with water that has been previously decreed for augmentation in order to preserve or improve the natural environment, without requiring a further change of the water right.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for the CWCB to identify opportunities to supplement instream flows by obtaining water decreed for augmentation use. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on April 17, 2019.

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