



HB10-1006 – Increased funding for the Division of Water Resources

Support Amendment L.001

What does the amendment do?

- Authorizes the Division of Water Resources as a Tier 1 severance tax program, eligible to receive up to 5% of the moneys in the operational account
- Transfers \$413,719 from the Division of Wildlife to the Division of Water Resources beginning in FY2010-2011, to restore 5.3 FTE
- Reduces the Tier 1 operational account funding ceiling for the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, from 25% to 20%; the Division currently is appropriated 4.8% of operational account funds

Why is the amendment important?

- Enables the Division of Water Resources to restore 4 water commissioners – a field engineer and an engineer-in-training position; these positions were defunded as a result of the revenue shortfall identified during FY2009-2010
 - Water commissioners and engineers are vital to maintaining stable administration of the state's water resource. The water users simply must have reliable access to water commissioners and field engineers who administer water on a daily basis.
- Permits the Division of Wildlife to continue, although in a reduced capacity, the work set forth in SB08-013 to assess wildlife population impacts in areas of the state experiencing energy development :
 - sage grouse mitigation
 - white-tailed prairie dog research
 - mule deer research, and
 - mule deer population monitoring

****HB10-1006 and amendment L.001 has the support of the Colorado Water Congress****