HB1178_L.004
HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT
Committee on <u>Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources</u>.
<u>HB15-1178</u> be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3   "**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-121, **add** (10)
4 as follows:
5   **37-60-121. Colorado water conservation board construction
6 fund - creation of - nature of fund - funds for investigations -
7 contributions - use for augmenting the general fund - funds created
8 - repeal.** (10) **Emergency dewatering grant program and data
9 collection - fund - creation - legislative declaration.** (a) (I) THE
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DETERMINES THAT HIGH GROUNDWATER
11 LEVELS IN THE AREA OF GILCREST, COLORADO, ARE DAMAGING CROPS
12 AND FLOODING BASEMENTS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. TO MITIGATE THE
13 DAMAGING HIGH GROUNDWATER LEVELS, THE WATER TABLE NEEDS TO BE
14 LOWERED IMMEDIATELY TO A LEVEL THAT IS NO LONGER DAMAGING BY
15 MEANS OF EMERGENCY PUMPING OF WELLS THAT ARE:
16   (A) LOCATED WITHIN OR NEAR THE AREA OF GILCREST,
17 COLORADO; AND
18   (B) PERMITTED FOR DEWATERING.
19   (II) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DETERMINES
20 THAT REAL-TIME DATA COLLECTION SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE
21 EMERGENCY PUMPING OF DEWATERING WELLS.
22   (III) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES,
23 AND DECLARES THAT THE STATE OF COLORADO SHOULD FACILITATE THE
24 EMERGENCY PUMPING OF DEWATERING WELLS IN THE AREA OF GILCREST,
25 COLORADO, THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF A GRANT
26 PROGRAM.
27   (b) THE EMERGENCY DEWATERING GRANT ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO
28 IN THIS SUBSECTION (10) AS THE "ACCOUNT", IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE
29 COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD CONSTRUCTION FUND. FOR THE
30 2015-16 AND 2016-17 FISCAL YEARS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
31 TRANSFER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL
32 FUND TO THE ACCOUNT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMERGENCY
33 DEWATERING GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (10).
34   (c) (I) THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE ENGINEER,
35 SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE ACCOUNT TO AWARD GRANTS FOR
36 EMERGENCY PUMPING OF WELLS PERMITTED FOR DEWATERING WITHIN OR
37 NEAR GILCREST, COLORADO. THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE

1 STATE ENGINEER, MAY AWARD GRANTS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES, PRIVATE
2 ENTITIES, AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY
3 PUMPING OF WELLS PERMITTED FOR DEWATERING. THE BOARD SHALL SEEK
4 INPUT FROM THE SOUTH PLATTE BASIN ROUNDTABLE, CREATED IN SECTION
5 37-75-104 (3) (b) (I), AND THE ROUNDTABLE'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON
6 THE GENERAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEWATERING WITHIN AND NEAR
7 GILCREST, COLORADO, AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT
8 THE DEWATERING PROJECT.
9 (II) THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE ENGINEER,
10 SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM AND
11 THE ACCOMPANYING REAL-TIME DATA COLLECTION, INCLUDING
12 SELECTION CRITERIA AND GRANTEE REPORTING CRITERIA.
13 (III) THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
14 DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (10), BUT THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (10) IS NOT DEPENDENT ON THE
16 RECEIPT OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. THE BOARD SHALL TRANSMIT
17 ALL MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE
18 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE ACCOUNT.
19 (IV) (A) ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION
20 WITH THE STATE ENGINEER, SHALL REPORT TO THE WATER RESOURCES
21 REVIEW COMMITTEE, CREATED IN SECTION 37-98-102, ON THE PROGRESS
22 OF THE GRANT PROGRAM.
23 (B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2017, THE BOARD, IN
24 COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE ENGINEER, SHALL PROVIDE THE WATER
25 RESOURCES REVIEW COMMITTEE WITH A FINAL REPORT ON THE GRANT
26 PROGRAM.
27 (C) TO ASSIST WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
28 SUBPARAGRAPH (IV), THE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE
29 ENGINEER, SHALL DEVELOP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEES.
30 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (10) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.
31 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
32 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.".

34 Page 1, line 102, after "AREA" insert "OF GILCREST, COLORADO,".

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