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**SENATE BILL 15-008**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF WATER CONSERVATION IN THE LAND**  
102      **USE PLANNING PROCESS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Water Resources Review Committee.** The bill directs the Colorado water conservation board (CWCB), in consultation with the division of planning in the department of local affairs (DOLA), to:

- !      Develop and provide free training programs, on a recurring basis, for local government water use, water demand, and land use planners regarding best management practices for

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- ! water demand management and water conservation; and
- ! Make recommendations regarding how to better integrate water demand management and conservation planning into land use planning, including, as appropriate, legislative, regulatory, and guidance or policy recommendations.

The CWCB and the Colorado water resources and power development authority, in determining whether to render financial assistance to a local governmental water supply entity, must consider whether the entity's planners, if it has any, have taken the training and are actively applying it in their planning decisions.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-126, **amend**  
3 (9) (b) as follows:

4           **37-60-126. Water conservation and drought mitigation**  
5 **planning - programs - relationship to state assistance for water**  
6 **facilities - guidelines - water efficiency grant program - repeal.**

7 (9) (b) (I) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO RENDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
8 TO A COVERED ENTITY, the board and the Colorado water resources and  
9 power development authority, to which any covered entity has applied for  
10 financial assistance for the construction of a water diversion, storage,  
11 conveyance, water treatment, or wastewater treatment facility, shall  
12 consider:

13           (A) Any water conservation plan filed pursuant to this section; ~~in~~  
14 ~~determining whether to render financial assistance to such entity~~ AND

15           (B) WHETHER THE COVERED ENTITY'S WATER USE, WATER  
16 DEMAND, WATER CONSUMPTION, AND LAND USE PLANNERS, IF IT HAS ANY,  
17 HAVE TAKEN AND ARE ACTIVELY APPLYING THE TRAINING AVAILABLE TO  
18 THEM PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IN THEIR  
19 WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, AND LAND USE PLANNING DECISIONS.

20           (II) Such consideration shall be carried out within the discretion

1 accorded the board and the Colorado water resources and power  
2 development authority pursuant to which ~~such~~ THE board and authority  
3 render ~~such~~ financial assistance to ~~such~~ A covered entity.

4 (III) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF PLANNING IN THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE BOARD SHALL:

6 (A) DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY  
7 PROGRAMS, REFRESHER PROGRAMS, AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS, FOR  
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, WATER CONSUMPTION,  
9 AND LAND USE PLANNERS REGARDING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR  
10 WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION;

11 (B) PROVIDE THE TRAINING, ON A RECURRING BASIS, FREE OF  
12 CHARGE TO LOCAL WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, AND LAND USE  
13 PLANNERS; AND

14 (C) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW TO BETTER  
15 INTEGRATE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLANNING  
16 INTO LAND USE PLANNING, INCLUDING, AS APPROPRIATE, LEGISLATIVE,  
17 REGULATORY, AND GUIDANCE OR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
19 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
20 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
21 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,  
22 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
23 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
24 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
25 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
26 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
27 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

- 1           (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
- 2   effective date of this act.