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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, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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/bills summaries>.)

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

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.

- land use planners regarding best management practices for 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.

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

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3 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-126, **amend**
4 (4) introductory portion, (4) (d), and (4) (e); and **add** (4) (f) as follows:

5 **37-60-126. Water conservation and drought mitigation**
6 **planning - programs - relationship to state assistance for water**
7 **facilities - guidelines - water efficiency grant program - repeal.** (4) A
8 plan developed by a covered entity pursuant to subsection (2) of this
9 section ~~shall~~ MUST, at a minimum, include a full evaluation of the
10 following plan elements:

11 (d) The time period, not to exceed seven years, after which the
12 covered entity will review and update its adopted plan; and

13 (e) Either as a percentage or in acre-foot increments, an estimate
14 of the amount of water that has been saved through a previously
15 implemented conservation plan and an estimate of the amount of water
16 that will be saved through conservation when the plan is implemented;

17 AND

18 (f) (I) THE INTEGRATION OF WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND
19 WATER CONSERVATION PLANNING INTO THE COVERED ENTITY'S LAND USE

1 PLANNING.

2 (II) IN ORDER TO ASSIST COVERED ENTITIES IN MEETING THE
3 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (f), THE
4 BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, 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. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
19 \$50,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by
20 the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the
21 Colorado water conservation board construction fund created in section
22 37-60-121 (1) (a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the Colorado water
23 conservation board may use this appropriation for the water conservation
24 program.

25 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
26 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
27 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the

1 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
2 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
3 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
4 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
5 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
6 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
7 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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