

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION IN LAND USE PLANNING

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	\$50,000	\$13,600
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: \$50,000 - Department of Natural Resources (2015-16)		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill, **recommended by the Water Resources Review Committee**, requires the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in consultation with the Division of Planning in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), to develop training programs for local government water and land use planners on best management practices for water demand management and conservation. The CWCB will provide the training on a recurring basis free of charge and make recommendations on how to better integrate water demand management and conservation into land use planning.

When determining whether to grant financial assistance for water infrastructure development, the CWCB and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority will take into consideration the requestor's participation in the training program.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase expenditures for the CWCB from the CWCB Construction Fund by \$50,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$13,600 in FY 2016-17 and thereafter.

To implement the bill, the CWCB will contract for curriculum development and delivery of the training at a rate of \$100 per hour. For FY 2015-16, 500 hours of contract time is required to develop the curriculum as well as to provide three days of training each quarter. Beginning in FY 2016-17, curriculum reviews and updates plus three days of training per quarter, will require 136 hours of contract time per year.

The DOLA will have a minimal increase in workload to consult with the CWCB on the curriculum; however, no new appropriations are required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

The CWCB requires an appropriation of \$50,000 in FY 2015-16 from the CWCB Construction Fund.

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