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Senate Committees

Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Directs the Colorado water conservation board, in conjunction with the interbasin compact committee, state engineer, and state geologist, to conduct a study of the most economically and technically feasible underground storage sites located in the South Platte and Arkansas river basins. Directs the board to consider an artificial recharge assessment completed in 2004 and to consider the costs and benefits of select sites within those aquifers to which the assessment assigned the

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highest ranking value. Requires the board to submit a report containing its conclusions to the general assembly by March 1, 2007.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 37-60-115, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **37-60-115. Water studies - repeal.** (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL
5 CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE MOST ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNICALLY
6 FEASIBLE AND ECOLOGICALLY SOUND UNDERGROUND STORAGE SITES
7 LOCATED IN THE SOUTH PLATTE AND ARKANSAS RIVER BASINS, TAKING
8 INTO CONSIDERATION:

9 (I) THE STUDY ENTITLED "ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE OF GROUND
10 WATER IN COLORADO - A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT", COMPLETED IN 2004,
11 REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (5) AS THE "ASSESSMENT";

12 (II) THE COSTS AND BENEFITS, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
13 COSTS AND BENEFITS, OF SELECT SITES WITHIN THOSE AQUIFERS TO WHICH
14 THE ASSESSMENT ASSIGNED THE HIGHEST RANKING VALUE; AND

15 (III) AN ANALYSIS OF SITE OWNERSHIP ISSUES, AQUIFER
16 CHARACTERISTICS, PROXIMITY OF THE SITES TO AREAS OF WATER SUPPLY
17 AND DEMAND, AND EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

18 (b) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE BOARD MAY CONSULT WITH
19 THE INTERBASIN COMPACT COMMITTEE, STATE ENGINEER, AND STATE
20 GEOLOGIST AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

21 (c) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT CONTAINING ITS
22 CONCLUSIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY MARCH 1, 2007.

23 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

24 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2006 long bill.**

25 (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated,

1 out of any moneys in the operational account of the severance tax trust
2 fund created in section 39-29-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, not
3 otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural resources, Colorado
4 water conservation board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the
5 sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

7 (2) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the
8 annual general appropriation act to the department of natural resources,
9 geological survey, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, shall be
10 adjusted as follows:

11 (a) The cash fund appropriation from fees shall be decreased by
12 twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000).

13 (b) The cash fund appropriation from the operational account of
14 the severance tax trust fund created in section 39-29-109, Colorado
15 Revised Statutes, shall be increased by twenty-one thousand dollars
16 (\$21,000).

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.