

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

January 21, 2009
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB09-1017 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

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

3 "SECTION 1. 37-60-126 (12) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

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.**
8 (12) (a) (I) There is hereby created the water efficiency grant program for
9 purposes of providing state funding to aid in the planning and
10 implementation of water conservation plans developed in accordance with
11 the requirements of this section and to promote the benefits of water
12 efficiency. The board is authorized to distribute grants to covered
13 entities, other state or local governmental entities, and agencies in
14 accordance with its guidelines from the moneys transferred to and
15 appropriated from the water efficiency grant program cash fund, which
16 is hereby created in the state treasury.

17 (II) MONEYS IN THE WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM CASH
18 FUND ARE HEREBY CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD FOR THE
19 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (12) AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE
20 UNTIL THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FINANCED USING THE GRANTS HAVE
21 BEEN COMPLETED.

1 (III) For the 2005-06 through 2010-11 fiscal years, the general
2 assembly shall appropriate from the fund to the board up to five hundred
3 thousand dollars annually for the purpose of providing grants to covered
4 entities, other state and local governmental entities, and agencies in
5 accordance with this subsection (12). Commencing July 1, 2008, the
6 general assembly shall also appropriate from the fund to the board fifty
7 thousand dollars each fiscal year through 2011-12 to cover the costs
8 associated with the administration of the grant program and the
9 requirements of section 37-60-124. ~~However, if less than five hundred~~
10 ~~thousand dollars is appropriated or expended in any such fiscal year, an~~
11 ~~amount equal to the difference between five hundred thousand dollars and~~
12 ~~the amount actually appropriated or expended in that fiscal year shall be~~
13 ~~available for appropriation and expenditure to the grant program in the~~
14 ~~next fiscal year in addition to the five hundred thousand dollars available~~
15 ~~for appropriation in that fiscal year~~ MONEYS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT
16 TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III) SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED
17 OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2012, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

18 (IV) Any moneys remaining in the fund on June 30, 2012, shall
19 be transferred to the ~~reserve in the~~ operational account of the severance
20 tax trust fund described in section ~~39-29-109.3 (3)~~ 39-29-109 (2) (b),
21 C.R.S.

22 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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