



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
REVISED NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonnenberg
Sen. Shaffer

Bill Status: Senate Second Reading

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TITLE: CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE ABILITY OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES TO ACQUIRE SPECIFIED WATER RIGHTS THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN.

Summary of Assessment

The reengrossed bill prohibited the state or any political subdivision, including home rule entities, from using eminent domain to acquire appropriated water rights. **As amended** by the Senate Agriculture Committee (March 21, 2007), the bill directs the Water Resources Review Committee to study the implications of imposing restrictions on the ability of governmental bodies to acquire water rights through the power of eminent domain.

The Water Resources Review Committee is a statutory interim committee and such committees are provided operating resources through the legislative budget. Study of the eminent domain issue is not expected to require the committee to meet more than its allotted 8 meetings during FY 2007-08. Therefore, this bill is judged to have no fiscal impact.

This bill is effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

Natural Resources
Law

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