

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

Prime Sponsors: Senator Schwartz
Reps. Sonnenberg and Baumgardner

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 5/14/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes appropriation clauses that provide \$28,350,857 to the Department of Natural Resources in FY 2012-13 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund for specific water-related projects. The bill also transfers a total of \$43.0 million from the Perpetual Base Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the CWCB Construction Fund over three fiscal years (FY 2012-13, FY 2013-14, and FY 2014-15) and transfers \$300,000 from the CWCB Construction Fund to the Flood and Drought Response Fund in FY 2012-13.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

1. The bill appropriates \$75,857 from the CWCB Construction Fund to the Water Resources Division to fund one position, a Physical Scientist Researcher III (see reengrossed bill, page 10, lines 14 through 27 and page 11, line 1). The General Fund appropriation that previously supported this position was transferred to the Governor's Office as part of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) consolidation process. The Department states that a true-up of IT-related FTE between OIT and state agencies failed to correct this situation.
2. The bill authorizes the Water Resources Division (State Engineer) to receive and expend money, property, and equipment provided by the CWCB for certain purposes (see reengrossed bill, page 12, lines 2 through 14). Is it necessary to continuously appropriate moneys from the CWCB to the Water Resources Division?