

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Guzman Rep. Fischer	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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SHORT TITLE: PHASE IN HIGH-EFFICIENCY WATER FIXTURE OPTIONS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue			
State Expenditures			Minimal workload increase.
FTE Position Change			
Appropriation Required: None.			

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the sale of new low-efficiency plumbing fixtures in Colorado as of September 1, 2016. This includes faucets, shower heads, flushing urinals and toilets. "Watersense-listed" plumbing fixtures are defined as having been tested and certified by an accredited third-party body or laboratory in accordance with the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Watersense program or its successor program. It also repeals less stringent standards for water fixtures included in current law.

By March 1, 2017, plumbing fixture manufacturers that sell products in Colorado are required to report to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources, and the House and Senate Agriculture committees on their 2016 sales in Colorado of low-efficiency and Watersense-listed plumbing fixtures.

Local governments may still prescribe additional or more restrictive water conservation requirements for plumbing fixtures.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase workload for the CWCB and the Legislative Council Staff in FY 2016-17 when manufacturers are required to report on their sales of plumbing fixtures in Colorado. The fiscal note assumes that reports will be required from approximately 300 manufacturers and that the information will be submitted electronically to both the CWCB and the Legislative Council Staff on behalf of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. Although the bill does not specify that the reports be compiled, the fiscal note assumes that only one of the recipients of the reports will compile the company responses. This does not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

Sections 2 through 5 of the bill take effect September 1, 2016; the remainder takes effect August 6, 2014, if no referendum petition is filed. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 6, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Natural Resources