

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonnenberg

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BILL TOPIC: BUILDING FOUNDATION WELL PERMIT EXEMPTION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue	(\$500)	(\$500)
Cash Funds	(500)	(500)
State Expenditures	Minimal workload reduction.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

** This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. Parentheses indicate a decrease in funds.*

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows a drainage system (i.e., foundation drain, sump pump, or underdrain) to be installed without requiring a well permit, augmentation plan, or replacement plan when the purpose of the drainage system is to protect buildings from flooding due to excessive groundwater. To qualify for the exception, the following conditions must be met:

- the system does not penetrate a confining layer;
- no collection point of the system is more than 10 feet from the building's foundation;
- the removed groundwater is not used for any other purposes; and
- the removed groundwater is returned directly into the aquifer.

This exception applies to systems inside and outside designated groundwater basins.

State Revenue

This bill is expected to result in a \$500 reduction in cash fund revenue from well permits beginning in FY 2015-16. These funds are deposited 60 percent (\$300) to the Water Resources Cash Fund and 40 percent (\$200) to the Well Inspection Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

Because fewer well permits will be required, the Division of Water Resources will have a minimal reduction in workload beginning in FY 2015-16. This workload reduction does not require a change in appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

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