

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Hodge

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BILL TOPIC: WATER RIGHT PARTIAL HISTORICAL CONSUMPTIVE USE

Summary of Legislation

For a proposed change of certain water rights, the water judge is prohibited from reducing the historical consumptive use of the portion of the right being changed. Future deliveries cannot be limited, based upon previously decreed changes of use involving another portion of the same water right used on other parcels of land.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It provides direction to water judges when they are decreeing changes in water rights on previously unchanged portions of water rights but does not affect the workload of water courts or the revenue or expenditures of any state agency.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Natural Resources