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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF WATER CONSERVATION IN THE LAND**
102 **USE PLANNING PROCESS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Water Resources Review Committee. The bill directs the Colorado water conservation board (CWCB), in consultation with the division of planning in the department of local affairs (DOLA), to:

- ! Develop and provide free training programs, on a recurring basis, for local government water use, water demand, and land use planners regarding best management practices for

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- ! water demand management and water conservation; and
! Make recommendations regarding how to better integrate water demand management and conservation planning into land use planning, including, as appropriate, legislative, regulatory, and guidance or policy recommendations.

The CWCB and the Colorado water resources and power development authority, in determining whether to render financial assistance to a local governmental water supply entity, must consider whether the entity's planners, if it has any, have taken the training and are actively applying it in their planning decisions.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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3 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-126, **amend**
4 **(4) introductory portion, (4) (d), and (4) (e); and add (4) (f) as follows:**

5 **37-60-126. Water conservation and drought mitigation**
6 **planning - programs - relationship to state assistance for water**
7 **facilities - guidelines - water efficiency grant program - repeal.** (4) A
8 **plan developed by a covered entity pursuant to subsection (2) of this**
9 **section shall MUST, at a minimum, include a full evaluation of the**
10 **following plan elements:**

11 **(d) The time period, not to exceed seven years, after which the**
12 **covered entity will review and update its adopted plan; and**

13 **(e) Either as a percentage or in acre-foot increments, an estimate**
14 **of the amount of water that has been saved through a previously**
15 **implemented conservation plan and an estimate of the amount of water**
16 **that will be saved through conservation when the plan is implemented;**

17 **AND**

18 **(f) (I) THE INTEGRATION OF WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND**
19 **WATER CONSERVATION PLANNING INTO THE COVERED ENTITY'S LAND USE**
20 **PLANNING.**

1 (II) IN ORDER TO ASSIST COVERED ENTITIES IN MEETING THE
2 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (f), THE
3 BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, SHALL:

5 (A) DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY
6 PROGRAMS, REFRESHER PROGRAMS, AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS, FOR
7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, WATER CONSUMPTION,
8 AND LAND USE PLANNERS REGARDING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR
9 WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION;

10 (B) PROVIDE THE TRAINING, ON A RECURRING BASIS, FREE OF
11 CHARGE TO LOCAL WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, AND LAND USE
12 PLANNERS; AND

13 (C) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW TO BETTER
14 INTEGRATE WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLANNING
15 INTO LAND USE PLANNING, INCLUDING, AS APPROPRIATE, LEGISLATIVE,
16 REGULATORY, AND GUIDANCE OR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
18 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
19 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
20 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
21 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
22 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
23 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
24 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
25 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
26 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

- 1 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
- 2 effective date of this act.