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LLS NO. 06-0855.01 Thomas Morris

**SENATE BILL 06-179**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WATER PROJECTS.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Creates the water supply reserve account ("account") in the severance tax trust fund ("fund"). Transfers the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the operational account of the fund at the end of each fiscal year into the account. Continuously appropriates the moneys in the account to the Colorado water conservation board for water activities approved by a basin roundtable, including:

Competitive grants for environmental compliance and feasibility studies;

Technical assistance regarding permitting, feasibility

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.*

studies, and environmental compliance;  
Studies or analyses of structural and nonstructural water  
projects or activities; and  
Structural and nonstructural water projects or activities.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** 39-29-109 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

4           **39-29-109. Severance tax trust fund - created - administration**  
5 **- use of moneys - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) There is hereby created  
6 in the office of the state treasurer the severance tax trust fund. The fund  
7 is to be perpetual and held in trust as a replacement for depleted natural  
8 resources and for the development and conservation of the state's water  
9 resources pursuant to sections 37-60-106 (1) (j) and (1) (l), 37-60-119,  
10 and 37-60-122, C.R.S., and for the use in funding programs that promote  
11 and encourage sound natural resource planning, management, and  
12 development related to minerals, energy, geology, and water. State  
13 severance tax receipts shall be credited to the severance tax trust fund as  
14 provided in section 39-29-108. All income derived from the deposit and  
15 investment of the moneys in the severance tax trust fund shall be credited  
16 to the severance tax trust fund. At the end of any fiscal year, all  
17 unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the fund shall remain therein  
18 and shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other  
19 fund. All moneys in the fund shall be subject to appropriation by the  
20 general assembly for the following purposes:

21           (III) THE WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT. SUBJECT TO THE  
22 MAINTENANCE OF A TWO-YEAR RESERVE PURSUANT TO  
23 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (c) OF

1 THIS SUBSECTION (1), AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE  
2 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
3 OPERATIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND TO THE  
4 WATER SUPPLY RESERVE ACCOUNT, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS  
5 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) AS THE "ACCOUNT". THE MONEYS IN THE ACCOUNT  
6 ARE HEREBY CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE COLORADO WATER  
7 CONSERVATION BOARD FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THIS  
8 SUBPARAGRAPH (III). ALL INTEREST DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF  
9 MONEYS IN THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT. ANY  
10 BALANCE REMAINING IN THE ACCOUNT AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR  
11 SHALL REMAIN IN THE ACCOUNT. THE BOARD SHALL ALLOCATE MONEYS  
12 BY GRANT OR LOAN FROM THE ACCOUNT ONLY FOR WATER ACTIVITIES  
13 APPROVED BY A ROUNDTABLE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 75 OF TITLE 37,  
14 C.R.S. THE APPROVING ROUNDTABLE SHALL BE THE ROUNDTABLE FOR  
15 THE BASIN IN WHICH THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY WOULD OCCUR. ELIGIBLE  
16 WATER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE EXPRESSLY NOT LIMITED TO:

17 (A) COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND  
18 FEASIBILITY STUDIES;

19 (B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING PERMITTING, FEASIBILITY  
20 STUDIES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE;

21 (C) STUDIES OR ANALYSES OF STRUCTURAL AND NONSTRUCTURAL  
22 WATER PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES; AND

23 (D) STRUCTURAL AND NONSTRUCTURAL WATER PROJECTS OR  
24 ACTIVITIES.

25 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.