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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonnenberg

Bill Status: Senate Second Reading

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BILL TOPIC: CREATE DIRECTOR WATER PROJECT PERMIT COORDINATION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
Appropriation Required:	None.	
Future Year Impacts:	Ongoing workload increase.	

This fiscal note is revised to reflect committee amendments as well as new information.

Summary of Legislation

As amended by the Senate Agriculture Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill creates the position of Director of Water Project Permitting (permitting director) in the Governor's Office to coordinate the federal, state, and local government permitting of:

- raw water diversion, storage, or delivery projects, including associated hydroelectric facilities and both consumptive and nonconsumptive uses of water; and
- water projects that are either assessed a water quality certification fee or are eligible for financing from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund.

The permitting director is not precluded from holding other titles or performing other functions within the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office is required to implement the functions of the position within existing resources. By January 1, 2017, the Water Quality Control Division and the CWCB must establish one or more specific points of contact and lines of communication with the permitting director. The permitting director will provide an annual update on permitting activities to a joint hearing of the General Assembly's committees with jurisdiction over natural resources. The position is repealed September 1, 2019.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to increase workload in the Governor's Office beginning in FY 2016-17. The Governor's Office will utilize an existing staff person as the permitting director so no new FTE are required. The workload increase can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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