Bill Heading: Indicates the General Assembly in which bill was introduced.

LLS Number: Used to track bill before it is introduced and assigned a bill number.

Drafter and Phone Number: Used to identify the drafter of the bill for contact purposes.

Prime Sponsors (in bold): The main sponsors of the bill; these sponsors shepherd the bill through the legislative process and are responsible for presenting the bill in committee and on the floor.

Sponsors (pre-introduction) and Co-Sponsors (post-introduction): Agree to have their names listed on the bill as a showing of support but not responsible for presenting the bill.

Bill Topic: Appears on bill drafts only and identifies bill’s primary topic; used to identify the bill as it moves through the legislative process in the subject index, the house and senate calendars, and other legislative records.

Long Title: Always begins with “A BILL FOR AN ACT”; must be a single subject, clearly expressed; line numbers for title begin with 101; second and subsequent lines are indented.

Long Title Trailer: Adds information but not technically part of the title.

Bill Summary Note: Explains that the bill summary is only amended after 3rd reading in the house of origin and that an updated bill summary is posted on the internet.

Draft Stamp: Identifies the bill as a work in progress. Date indicates the last time the draft was changed.

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House of Origin: Either “House Bill” or “Senate Bill”; a bill number is assigned at introduction by the Speaker or President, as appropriate.

BILLS TOPIC: “Depletions of Groundwater”

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF DEPLETIONS FROM NEW WITHDRAWALS OF GROUNDWATER IN WATER DIVISION 3 THAT WILL AFFECT THE RATE OR DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT OF GROUNDWATER IN THE CONFINED AQUIFER, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE STATE ENGINEER TO PROMULGATE RULES THAT OPTIMIZE THE USE OF THE GROUNDWATER AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO PREVENT INJURY.

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

Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
The bill requires judicial approval of a plan for augmentation that replaces new groundwater depletions in water division 3 that affect the rate or direction of movement of water in the confined aquifer. The state engineer is authorized to promulgate rules that optimize groundwater use including, if appropriate, a different methodology to prevent injury.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-92-305, amend (6)(c) as follows:

37-92-305. Standards with respect to rulings of the referee and decisions of the water judge - definitions - repeal.

(6)(c)(I) Any request application in water division 3 that involves new withdrawals of groundwater that will affect the rate or direction of movement activity of water in the confined aquifer system shall be permitted pursuant to a plan of augmentation that, in addition to all other lawful requirements for such plans, shall recognize that unappropriated water is not made available and injury is not prevented as a result of the reduction of water consumption by nonirrigated native vegetation. If a different methodology for prevention of injury has been adopted by the state engineer pursuant to the requirement sections 37-90-137 (2)(b)(II)(C) and 37-92-501 (2), then the court shall apply that methodology.

(II) This subsection (6)(c) is repealed, effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, $560,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that
Effective Date - Applicability Clause: Informs reader when the bill becomes law and to what or whom it applies.

Safety Clause: Bills with a safety clause are not referred to the people for a vote and cannot be petitioned onto the ballot. The alternative to a safety clause is the “Act Subject to Petition - Effective Date” clause, which reads as follows:

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\text{Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.}
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1 the department of natural resources will require an additional 1.5 FTE. To implement this act, the department of natural resources may use this appropriation for injury prevention planning.
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3 SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect July 1, 2018 and applies to acts occurring on or after said date.
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5 SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.
“Introduced” instead of “Draft”: Indicates that this is the introduced version of the bill and is no longer a draft.

No draft stamp: Since this is the introduced version, there is no longer a draft stamp.

Committees box: The bill topic has disappeared and is replaced with a box that indicates the committees to which the bill has been assigned.

Shading and double-underline notation: This note is added to the introduced and subsequent versions of the bill to distinguish which amendments were made in the House and which were made in the Senate.

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Concerning the long title of the bill, and, in connection therewith, this trailer of additional information, and making an appropriation therefor.

Bill Summary

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The example bills illustrate the general layout and form of a bill. It explains the concepts of:
- LLS numbers;
- Sponsorship;
- Bill titles;
- Bill summary;

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This Version Includes All Amendments
Adopted in the House of Introduction

HOUSE BILL 08-1240

Butcher, and Liston

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Sandoval,

House Committees
Senate Committees
Business Affairs and Labor

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF DEBT
COLLECTION, AND, IN CONNECTION THERewith, REPEALING
THE COLLECTION AGENCY BOARD.

Bill Summary

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

Sunset Process - House Business Affairs and Labor
Committee. Continues the regulation of debt collectors, but sunsets the
collection agency board. Requires a collection agency to notify a
consumer, in the initial communication, of the right to discontinue further
communications except as authorized by law. Authorizes the attorney
general to change its web site address without conflicting with certain

“Reengrossed”: Indicates that this version of the bill has passed third
reading in the first house.

Stamps along the side of the bill indicate what has happened to the bill so far:
The first stamp shows that in the House, the bill was amended on 2nd reading.
The second stamp shows that in the House, the bill passed 3rd reading unamended.

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