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**HB17-1257**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0277  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arndt  
Sen. Tate

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**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**BILL TOPIC:** REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY DNR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing workload increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, whenever Executive Branch agencies or the Judicial Branch are required to make a report on a periodic basis to the General Assembly, the reporting requirement expires three years after the first report was due, unless the General Assembly continues the requirement. This bill continues indefinitely the following annual reporting requirements for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that are scheduled to repeal:

- report on the current record of balances by capital project;
- report on the progress and status of activities to date and their effectiveness in the recovery of endangered species;
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission report on acquisitions of real property or interests in water acquired since July 1, 1992;
- Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund report on expenditures and accomplishments;
- Habitat Partnership Council report on the expenditures from the Habitat Partnership Cash Fund;
- report on game damage and game damage preventions issues;
- Parks for Future Generations Trust Fund report on expenditures and accomplishments;
- report on efforts to address aquatic nuisance species;
- detailed accounting of the Great Outdoors Colorado Program Trust Fund money received including how such moneys have been spent;
- State Land Board summary of land transactions;
- State Land Board annual income and inventory report;
- Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and Attorney General report on litigation that uses money from the Litigation Fund;
- CWCB report on the basis for project loans under \$10 million;

- report on the status of compact negotiations by the Interbasin Compact Committee and CWCB and activities funded by the Water Supply Reserve Fund; and
- Division of Water Resources report on the dam and reservoir safety program.

The bill also requires the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to continue the annual report of its activities.

### **State Expenditures**

This bill increases workload for several divisions of the DNR to continue the reporting requirements under the bill. Table 1 below shows the estimated number of hours required annually by each division to comply with the reporting requirements in the bill. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Hours for Report Preparation</b>
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	419
Colorado Water Conservation Board	103
Division of Water Resources	80
State Land Board	152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>754</b>

### **Statutory Public Entity Impact**

The bill continues a report for the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority which will increase its workload over current law but can be accomplished within its existing appropriations.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 25, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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