



**Colorado  
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**HB17-1289**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0995

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Valdez; Hansen  
Sen. Coram; Crowder

**Bill Status:** Signed into Law

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**BILL TOPIC:** STATE ENGINEER RULES HISTORICAL CONSUMPTIVE USE

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires that the Water Resources Review Committee study the issue of whether the State Engineer in the Department of Natural Resources should be given statutory authority to adopt rules concerning:

- a methodology for determining factors and using other assumptions for calculating the historical consumptive use of a water right; and
- guidance for the components of an historical consumptive use analysis for a change of water right, using geographically specific considerations.

**Assessment**

The bill does not impact the workload, expenditures, or revenue of any state agency or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 22, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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Natural Resources