Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources to augment stream flows with water that has been previously decreed for augmentation in order to preserve or improve the natural environment, subject to Water Court approval of an augmentation plan and consent of the water right owner.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for the CWCB to identify opportunities to supplement instream flows by obtaining water decreed for augmentation use. The increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.
State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial             Natural Resources