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FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: GRAYWATER REGULATORY EXEMPTION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Water Quality Control Commission (commission) in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) adopts rules concerning water quality. One set of rules has been adopted for the control and use of graywater. Graywater refers to wastewater that, prior to being treated or combined with other wastewater, is collected from certain fixtures within residential, commercial, or industrial buildings for a beneficial use.

This bill, **recommended by the Water Resources Review Committee**, authorizes the use of graywater for scientific research involving human subjects, and sets minimum requirements for conducting such research. Research must be conducted on behalf of an educational institution. Graywater research conducted pursuant to this bill's authority need not comply with the commission's water quality control regulations.

Assessment

This bill does not change the workload, revenue, expenditures, or required appropriations of any state agency, or any institution of higher education. The bill merely allows a researcher or a research entity acting on behalf of an institution of higher education to conduct human subject research on graywater systems. Such research is currently precluded by rules adopted by CDPHE. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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