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SB17-282

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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

Drafting Number: LLS 17-1109	Date: June 27, 2017
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonnenberg Rep. McKean; Esgar	Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely Fiscal Analyst: Matt Becker (303-866-4785)

BILL TOPIC: DEDICATE RESERVOIR RELEASE ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.		

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a process by which a storage water right owner may obtain a water court decree authorizing releases to be delivered downstream for decreed beneficial uses by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The releases may be used in the intervening stream reach to preserve or improve the natural environment, if certain conditions are met.

State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase workload for the CWCB Instream Flow Program and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) within the Department of Natural Resources. The CWCB is expected to accomplish the workload required to process any new transactions within existing appropriations. CPW currently provides biological analyses for CWCB water acquisitions and will attempt to accomplish any new workload within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee on April 20, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

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