SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

May 2, 2017

Date

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB17-1248 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend reengrossed bill, page 7, after line 11 insert:

"SECTION 10. South Platte river basin groundwater level data collection, analysis, and remediation - appropriation. (1) For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, $325,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the Colorado water conservation board construction fund created in section 37-60-121, C.R.S. To implement this section, the Colorado water conservation board may use this appropriation as follows: To award grants for projects in response to damaging high groundwater levels in areas of the South Platte river basin for the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of dewatering infrastructure; to cover dewatering well pumping costs; to continue the evaluation of both the cause of the high groundwater levels and exigent remediation efforts implemented in response to the high groundwater levels; to collect and analyze groundwater data; to install instrumentation and monitoring devices; and to perform groundwater modeling.

(2) The money appropriated in subsection (1) of this section remains available for the designated purposes until it is fully expended."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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