Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to adopt rules related to the point of compliance for the disinfection of reclaimed wastewater that is used for indoor nonpotable uses. The point of compliance must be determined to protect public health and established at a single location on the occupied premises where the water is delivered and before the water is distributed.

Background

Under Regulation 84, the WQCC has established treatment requirements for certain uses of reclaimed wastewater, including irrigation, fire protection, industrial uses, and other commercial uses. In 2018, the General Assembly enacted legislation to expand the allowable uses of reclaimed wastewater to include toilet flushing, the irrigation of food crops, and the irrigation of industrial hemp, if certain water quality standards are met at the point of compliance.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill clarifies existing statutory language. The bill does not impact the revenue or expenditures of any state agency and is therefore assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.
State and Local Government Contacts

Counties                  Information Technology     Law
Municipalities           Public Health and Environment

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