Bill Topic: RECLAIMED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER POINT OF COMPLIANCE

Summary of Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. The bill authorizes the Water Quality Control Commission to adopt rules related to the point of compliance for reclaimed domestic wastewater that is used for indoor nonpotable uses. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal notes reflect the enacted bill.

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 between where reclaimed wastewater is delivered and before the water is distributed to occupied premises.

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

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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