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HB 19-1271

FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 19-0997
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Arndt

Date: April 3, 2019
Bill Status: House Rural Affairs
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Bill Topic: AUGMENTION OF INSTREAM FLOWS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill clarifies the authority of the Colorado Water Conservation Board to augment stream flows with water that has been previously decreed for augmentation, without requiring a further change of the water right.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies the authority of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources to augment stream flows with water that has been previously decreed for augmentation in order to preserve or improve the natural environment, without requiring a further change of the water right.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for the CWCB to identify opportunities to supplement instream flows by obtaining water decreed for augmentation use. The increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

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

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