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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Sonnenberg; Donovan Rep. Holtorf	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **PRIORITIZE WATER STORAGE PROJECTS SOUTH PLATTE BASIN**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill expanded the criteria the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) uses to select projects when making expenditures from the CWCB Construction Fund. The bill was postponed indefinitely, so the impacts identified in the final fiscal note do not take effect.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is authorized to finance water projects from the CWCB Construction Fund, and gives first priority to projects that will increase the beneficial consumptive use of the state's undeveloped interstate compact-entitled waters. This bill amends this first priority to include projects that increase or improve undeveloped compact-entitled water storage in the South Platte River basin to increase beneficial consumptive use in a manner that reduces reliance on transmountain diversions.

State Expenditures

The bill expands the criteria the CWCB uses to prioritize funding recommendations. Because the number and size of future project applications is unknown, it is not possible to estimate how recommendations will impact expenditures from the fund. The bill will minimally increase workload for the CWCB to update internal policies, which can be accomplished with existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee on March 28, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources