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**SENATE BILL 24-179**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**  
102                    **PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103                    **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** Local government floodplain management regulations for development in floodplain areas must equal or exceed the federal emergency management agency's national flood insurance program's (national flood insurance program) minimum design and construction criteria and must comply with the Colorado water

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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SENATE  
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conservation board's (CWCB) rules and regulations for regulatory floodplains in Colorado. Not all local governments participate in the national flood insurance program.

The bill requires the office of the state architect to develop a state floodplain management program (program) by June 30, 2025, which will ensure compliance with the minimum floodplain management criteria of the national flood insurance program and with the CWCB's rules and regulations for regulatory floodplains in Colorado. The program applies to development on state-owned land in counties and municipalities that do not participate in the national flood insurance program. At the discretion of the office of the state architect, the program may also apply to state-leased properties in counties and municipalities that do not participate in the national flood insurance program.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-1303, **add** (7)  
3 as follows:

4 **24-30-1303. Office of the state architect - responsibilities.**

5 (7) BY JUNE 30, 2025, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT SHALL  
6 DEVELOP, IN COORDINATION WITH THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION  
7 BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, A FLOODPLAIN  
8 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT, AS DEFINED IN 44 CFR 59.1,  
9 ON STATE-OWNED LAND LOCATED IN COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES THAT  
10 DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
11 AGENCY'S NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM OR AN EQUIVALENT  
12 PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS  
13 TO ENSURE THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT, AS DEFINED IN 44 CFR 59.1, ON  
14 STATE-OWNED LAND LOCATED IN SUCH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IS  
15 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT CRITERIA  
16 REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS  
17 THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS  
18 FOR REGULATORY FLOODPLAINS IN COLORADO. AT THE DISCRETION OF

1 THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT, THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT  
2 PROGRAM MAY ALSO APPLY TO STATE-LEASED PROPERTIES LOCATED IN  
3 COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL  
4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE  
5 PROGRAM OR AN EQUIVALENT PROGRAM.

6 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,  
7 \$49,383 is appropriated to the department of personnel for use by the  
8 office of the state architect. This appropriation is from the general fund  
9 and is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional  
10 0.8 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for  
11 the office of the state architect.

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
19 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.