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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Evans; Titone Sen. Priola	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Energy & Environment
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**Bill Topic:**                   **WARRANTS FOR METRO SEWAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS**

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<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows a Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District to obtain a court warrant to inspect a property for violations of a US Environmental Protection Agency approved industrial pretreatment program. The bill may affect local government workload on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:**           No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill allows authorized metropolitan sewage disposal district inspectors to enter and inspect, in a reasonable time and manner, any property for violations of an approved industrial pretreatment program. If the property owner denies the inspectors entry, the district may obtain a warrant directly from a district or county court to inspect the property.

## Background

There are two currently metropolitan sewage disposal districts in the state: Metro Water Recovery and the Lower Foundation Metropolitan Sewage Disposal District. This legislation will only impact Metro Water Recovery, as the Lower Fountain District does not implement an industrial pretreatment program. Currently, Metro Water Recovery must work with local governments within its district when it is necessary to seek a warrant to inspect a property suspected of violations, based on the location of the property involved.

## **Local Government**

The bill affects local governments in two ways. First, work for inspectors with Metro Water Recovery will likely be streamlined, as they will be able to directly seek a warrant in court, rather than be required to first with local governments in the district to obtain the warrant. Similarly, it will reduce workload for local governments served by Metro Water Recovery, as their assistance will no longer be needed to seek an inspection warrant.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Denver County Courts	Judicial
Local Affairs	Public Health and Environment	Metro Wastewater

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).