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Bill 11

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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Interstate Water Compacts Annual Presentation GA"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE**
102 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**
103 **OVER NATURAL RESOURCES ANNUALLY REQUEST A**
104 **PRESENTATION REGARDING UPDATES ON THE STATE'S**
105 **INTERSTATE WATER COMPACTS.**

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/>.)

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee. The bill requires that, commencing in 2024 and on an annual basis thereafter, the

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

joint committee of the general assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over natural resources invite the state engineer to present to the joint committee updates on the state's 9 interstate water compacts, including any updates regarding the state's compliance with, and any water administration issues arising under, the interstate compacts. The state engineer may decline an invitation to present if the state engineer determines that there are not significant updates in a given year.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-80-102, **add** (11)
3 as follows:

4 **37-80-102. General duties of state engineer - supervision and**
5 **utilization of employees - satellite and telemetry-based monitoring**
6 **systems - annual presentations to general assembly on interstate**
7 **compacts.** (11) ON AN ANNUAL BASIS STARTING IN 2024, THE JOINT
8 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE WITH SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OVER
9 NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL INVITE THE STATE ENGINEER TO PRESENT TO
10 THE JOINT COMMITTEE UPDATES REGARDING THE INTERSTATE COMPACTS
11 SET FORTH IN ARTICLES 61 TO 69 OF TITLE 37, INCLUDING ANY UPDATES ON
12 THE STATE'S COMPLIANCE WITH, AND ANY WATER ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
13 ARISING UNDER, THE INTERSTATE COMPACTS. IF THE STATE ENGINEER
14 DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT UPDATES REGARDING THE
15 INTERSTATE COMPACTS IN A GIVEN YEAR, THE STATE ENGINEER MAY
16 DECLINE THE INVITATION IN WRITING.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.