

CHAPTER 269

WATER AND IRRIGATION

SENATE BILL 06-193

BY SENATOR(S) Wiens, Brophy, Dyer, Entz, Evans, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Isgar, Johnson, Kester, Lamborn, Shaffer, Taylor, and Williams;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) May M., Berens, Carroll T., Clapp, Crane, Hodge, Hoppe, Jahn, Kerr J., Knoedler, Paccione, Rose, Schultheis, Stafford, Stengel, Sullivan, and Welker.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. 37-60-115, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

37-60-115. Water studies - repeal. (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE MOST ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECOLOGICALLY SOUND UNDERGROUND STORAGE SITES LOCATED IN THE SOUTH PLATTE AND ARKANSAS RIVER BASINS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION:

(I) THE STUDY ENTITLED "ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE OF GROUND WATER IN COLORADO - A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT", COMPLETED IN 2004, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (5) AS THE "ASSESSMENT";

(II) THE COSTS AND BENEFITS, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS AND BENEFITS, OF SELECT SITES WITHIN THOSE AQUIFERS TO WHICH THE ASSESSMENT ASSIGNED THE HIGHEST RANKING VALUE; AND

(III) AN ANALYSIS OF SITE OWNERSHIP ISSUES, AQUIFER CHARACTERISTICS, PROXIMITY OF THE SITES TO AREAS OF WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND EXISTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

(b) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE BOARD MAY CONSULT WITH THE INTERBASIN COMPACT COMMITTEE, STATE ENGINEER, AND STATE GEOLOGIST AS DEEMED

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

NECESSARY.

(c) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT CONTAINING ITS CONCLUSIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY MARCH 1, 2007.

(d) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments in 2006 long bill. (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the operational account of the severance tax trust fund created in section 39-29-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural resources, Colorado water conservation board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

(2) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act to the department of natural resources, geological survey, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The cash fund appropriation from fees shall be decreased by twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000).

(b) The cash fund appropriation from the operational account of the severance tax trust fund created in section 39-29-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, shall be increased by twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000).

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 26, 2006