

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonnenberg Sen. Roberts	Bill Status: House Agriculture
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SHORT TITLE: OPPOSE FEDERAL SPECIAL USE PERMIT WATER RIGHTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Colorado water law prohibits speculation in water rights. This bill, recommended by the **Water Resources Review Committee**, deems as speculative the acquisition of a water right by the United States government as a result of a transfer or conveyance required as a condition of a special use permit for entering or using federally owned land. Such a water right is forfeited by the United States and reverts to the prior owner.

State Expenditures

This bill is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact. If litigation occurs as a result of this bill, a case could be brought in a state water court but then removed to a federal court, resulting in minimal increase in workload for the Judicial Branch.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Municipalities	Judicial
Law	Natural Resources	