

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE "COLORADO WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT" TO REPAIR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTED BY A NATURAL DISASTER, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/12/14.

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| XXX | No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill |
| | Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i> |
| | Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared |
| | Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill |

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

| Amendment | Description |
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| None. | |

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause which appropriates \$12.0 million General Fund to the Natural Disaster Grant Fund in FY 2014-15. The bill continuously appropriates moneys in the Natural Disaster Grant Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Points to Consider

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" moneys in the Natural Disaster Grant Fund? This method of funding the activities of the grant program essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.