

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE SET FORTH IN THE STUDY OF THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER ALLUVIAL AQUIFER PREPARED BY THE COLORADO WATER INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 12-1278, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Sens. Sonnenberg and Hodge

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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 04/16/15.

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

The Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy Committee Report (04/23/15) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$41,959 General Fund to the Water Resources Division in the Department of Natural resources for FY 2015-16, and states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Division will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.