

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE STATE ENGINEER'S AUTHORITY TO ALLOW WELL USERS TO LOWER THE WATER TABLE IN AN AREA OF GILCREST, COLORADO, THAT THE STATE ENGINEER DETERMINES IS EXPERIENCING DAMAGING HIGH GROUNDWATER LEVELS.

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 Senator Marble

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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 04/01/15.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. The bill includes transfers of \$250,000 General Fund to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17. The CWCB will require a cash funds appropriation in the same amount to access the transferred funds.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$250,000 cash funds from the Emergency Dewatering Grant Account in the CWCB Construction Fund to the Department of Natural Resources in FY 2015-16.

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 \$19.7

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million for 2015 legislation, including \$18.5 million General Fund to be available for appropriations plus \$1.2 million for the associated 6.5 percent statutory reserve. If this amount is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.