

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE STATE ENGINEER'S AUTHORITY TO ALLOW WELL USERS TO LOWER THE WATER TABLE IN AN AREA THAT THE STATE ENGINEER DETERMINES IS EXPERIENCING HIGH GROUNDWATER LEVELS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY DEWATERING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOWERING THE WATER TABLE IN AREAS OF GILCREST, COLORADO, AND STERLING, COLORADO.

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Sens. Marble and Sonnenberg

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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 04/29/15.

	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>
XXX	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 (04/30/15) includes an amendment to the bill that transfers \$165,000 in FY 2015-16 and \$290,000 in FY 2016-17 from the General Fund to the Emergency Dewatering Grant Account in the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.004	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.004 Staff has prepared amendment **J.004** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$165,000 cash funds from the Emergency Dewatering Grant Account in the CWCB Construction Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for 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 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.