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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Water Resources Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Promote Water Conservation In Land Use Planning"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF WATER CONSERVATION IN THE LAND**
102 **USE PLANNING PROCESS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries>.)

Water Resources Review Committee. The bill directs the Colorado water conservation board (CWCB), in consultation with the division of planning in the department of local affairs (DOLA), to develop and provide free training programs, on a recurring basis, for local government water use, water demand, and land use planners regarding

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

best management practices for water demand management and water conservation. The CWCB and the Colorado water resources and power development authority, in determining whether to render financial assistance to a local governmental water supply entity, must consider whether the entity's planners, if it has any, have taken the training and are actively applying it in their planning decisions.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-60-126, **amend**
3 (9) (b) as follows:

4 **37-60-126. Water conservation and drought mitigation**
5 **planning - programs - relationship to state assistance for water**
6 **facilities - guidelines - water efficiency grant program - repeal.**

7 (9) (b) (I) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO RENDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
8 TO A COVERED ENTITY, the board and the Colorado water resources and
9 power development authority, to which any covered entity has applied for
10 financial assistance for the construction of a water diversion, storage,
11 conveyance, water treatment, or wastewater treatment facility, shall
12 consider:

13 (A) Any water conservation plan filed pursuant to this section; ~~in~~
14 ~~determining whether to render financial assistance to such entity~~ AND

15 (B) WHETHER THE COVERED ENTITY'S WATER USE, WATER
16 DEMAND, AND LAND USE PLANNERS, IF IT HAS ANY, HAVE TAKEN AND ARE
17 ACTIVELY APPLYING THE TRAINING AVAILABLE TO THEM PURSUANT TO
18 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IN THEIR WATER USE, WATER
19 DEMAND, AND LAND USE PLANNING DECISIONS.

20 (II) Such consideration shall be carried out within the discretion
21 accorded the board and the Colorado water resources and power
22 development authority pursuant to which ~~such~~ THE board and authority

1 render ~~such~~ financial assistance to ~~such~~ A covered entity.

2 (III) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF PLANNING IN THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE BOARD SHALL:

4 (A) DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY
5 PROGRAMS, REFRESHER PROGRAMS, AND ADVANCED PROGRAMS, FOR
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, AND LAND USE
7 PLANNERS REGARDING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR WATER
8 DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION; AND

9 (B) PROVIDE THE TRAINING, ON A RECURRING BASIS, FREE OF
10 CHARGE TO LOCAL WATER USE, WATER DEMAND, AND LAND USE
11 PLANNERS.

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
15 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,
16 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
20 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
23 effective date of this act. <*Do you want a safety clause or a specific*
24 *effective date?*>