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HOUSE BILL

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House Committees

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COLORADO WATER**
102 **CONSERVATION BOARD TO FINANCE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN**
103 **RESERVOIR DREDGING PROJECTS.**

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/billsummaries>.)

Water Resources Review Committee. The bill appropriates \$5 million from the Colorado water conservation board construction fund to the Colorado water conservation board to make loans and grants to enable the recipients to dredge existing reservoirs located in the South Platte river basin to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1. South Platte river basin reservoir dredging**
3 **projects - appropriation.** (1) For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,
4 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use
5 by the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the
6 Colorado water conservation board construction fund created in section
7 37-60-121, C.R.S. To implement this section, the Colorado water
8 conservation board may use this appropriation to make the following
9 loans and grants to dredge existing reservoirs located in the South Platte
10 river basin to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity. The
11 grants made pursuant to this section must not exceed \$2,500,000 and the
12 board shall not award a grant or loan if the anticipated value of the
13 increased water storage capacity does not exceed the amount of the loan
14 or grant.

15 (2) The money appropriated in subsection (1) of this section
16 remains available for the designated purposes until the projects are
17 completed.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.