



**Colorado  
Legislative  
Council  
Staff**

**Bill 7**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0295  
**Prime Sponsor(s):**

**Date:** October 23, 2015  
**Bill Status:** Interim Water Resources Review  
Committee Bill Request  
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**BILL TOPIC:** SMALL-SCALE PRECIPITATION COLLECTION

| Fiscal Impact Summary         | FY 2016-2017               | FY 2017-2018 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| State Revenue                 |                            |              |
| State Expenditures            | Minimal workload increase. |              |
| FTE Position Change           |                            |              |
| Appropriation Required: None. |                            |              |
| Future Year Impacts: None.    |                            |              |

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill, ***requested by the Water Resources Review Committee***, allows a water provider to permit its residential customers to use up to 2 containers to collect precipitation that runs off their rooftops with certain limitations as follows:

- customer's residence contains no more than 4 units;
- container capacity is limited to 55 gallons; and
- customer must keep the containers sanitary.

Water providers are required to replace the water that is collected by their customers either through an augmentation plan, a substitute supply plan, or by providing 66 gallons of replacement water per year multiplied by their total number of customers.

In addition, water providers are encouraged, but not required, to provide a no-cost mechanism for customers to register their containers with the water providers. Information that is collected should be shared with the Director of Research of the Legislative Council for inclusion in a biennial report on the use of precipitation collection containers. The first report is due on or before November 1, 2018.

**State Expenditures**

Applying for augmentation plans and substitute water supply plans require a considerable effort on the part of water providers. For this reason, the fiscal note assumes that water providers that choose to allow their customers to collect rooftop precipitation will replace the water through the 66 gallon per customer option. As such, this bill will not significantly increase the workload for

the Department of Natural Resources and will not result in any new water cases for the water court in the Judicial Branch. Legislative Council Staff will have a minimal increase in workload to prepare the biennial report.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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