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HB22-1322

SHORT TITLE: Water Quality Regulation

LONG TITLE: Concerning the regulation of water quality in the state.

SPONSORS: Representatives Benavidez and A. Valdez

COMMITTEES: House Energy & Environment Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To 1) require outreach to disproportionately impacted communities in water quality rulemakings; 2) to address changes in use-protected waters; and 3) to establish a statute of limitations for actions alleging violation of water quality regulation.

PROPONENTS OF THE BILL: Communities in industrialized areas of north Denver?

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Anyone holding or seeking a water quality permit; persons in areas impacted by water quality issues.

BACKGROUND: This appears to be a response to a situation earlier this year arising from a water quality rulemaking concerning anti-degradation review on the South Platte in the Denver metro area

Is this bill necessary this year? There are no deadlines.

How does the bill change current law? It allows five years to bring an action alleging water quality violations.

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No.

How is the bill implemented? Through rulemaking at the Water Quality Control Commission

Practical Considerations: This bill has an extremely broad title that could serve as a vehicle for almost any additional water quality requirements through amendment

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact statement at this time