



## **SB19-212**

**SHORT TITLE:** Appropriation General Fund Implement State Water Plan

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning general fund support to implement the state water plan, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation

**SPONSORS:** Senators Rankin, Moreno and Zenzinger/Reps. Esgar and Hansen

**COMMITTEES:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To provide money from the state General Fund to support implementation of the State Water Plan

**PROponents OF THE BILL:** JBC bill responding to request by former Governor Hickenlooper

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Water users

**Is this bill necessary this year?** Yes, if implementation of the Water Plan is to be meaningful.

**BACKGROUND:** Governor Hickenlooper had requested \$30 million for implementation of the State Water Plan covering a three-year period. Due to a reduced economic forecast, the JBC provided \$10 million funding from the General Fund for the current year. The money is divided into a grant program to be administered by CWCB of \$8.3 million and \$1.7 million to the department for use by the board for stakeholder outreach and technical analysis to develop a water resources demand management program.

**How does the bill change current law?** Provides money from the General Fund for water projects.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No.

**How is the bill implemented?** This bill is part of a budget package of legislation to implement funding made through the Long Appropriations Bill.

**Practical considerations:** Where do we find the additional money needed for future water spending?

**Fiscal Impact:** \$10 million.