



SB21-189

SHORT TITLE: Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project

LONG TITLE: CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION 102 BOARD PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING 103 AN APPROPRIATION.

SPONSORS: Sen. Donovan/Rep. Arndt

COMMITTEES: Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To authorize the appropriation of money from the CWCB construction fund specific projects.

PROPOSERS OF THE BILL: Colorado Water Conservation Board

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Proponents and managers of the funded programs and projects.

BACKGROUND: Each year the CWCB authorizes the expenditure of funds for various projects.

Is this bill necessary this year? This is an annual bill.

How does the bill change current law? The bill authorizes appropriation of money for the following programs and purposes:

Continuation of the satellite monitoring system, \$100,000

Continuation of the Colorado floodplain map modernization program, \$500,000

Continuation of the weather modification permitting program, \$350,000

Continuation of technical assistance for federal cost-share programs, \$300,000.

Transfers up to \$2,000,000 from the CWCB construction fund to the litigation fund on July 1, 2021 to replenish that fund.

Authorizes the CWCB to make a loan in an amount up to \$3,000,000 from the CWCB construction fund or the severance tax perpetual base fund to the Colorado Rio Grande Restoration Foundation in furtherance of the San Luis valley confined aquifer recovery project.

Reinstates severance tax funding of the water efficiency grant program by authorizing a transfer of \$550,000 in each state fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, from the grant program reserve of the severance tax operational fund, which reserve is part of the "tier 2" funding that is used only if the general assembly chooses not to spend 100% of the money in the operational fund on core departmental programs, to the water efficiency grant program cash

fund. The reinstated funding is repealed on July 1, 2030, when the water efficiency grant program is scheduled to repeal.

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No

How is the bill implemented? Through programmatic operation at DNR

Practical considerations: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$6.8 million

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