



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Johnston**Bill Status:** House Transportation and Energy**Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT FOR NEW HOME BUILDERS TO OFFER HOME BUYERS WATER EFFICIENCY OPTIONS.**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the builder of a new single-family detached residence, for which a buyer is under contract, to offer the buyer a selection of certain water-smart home options, including the following:

- installation of water-efficient toilets, lavatory faucets, and showerheads;
- dishwashers and clothes washers that meet federal Environmental Protection Agency energy star program standards if they are to be financed, installed, or sold as upgrades through the home builder;
- front yard landscaping with an average water use of no more than ten gallons per square foot per year or turf grass that does not exceed 40 percent of the landscaped area if the landscaping is financed, installed, or sold as upgrades through the home builder; and
- installation of a pressure-reducing valve that limits static service pressure in the residence to a maximum of 60 pounds per square inch.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. The bill applies to contracts for new single-family detached residences occurring on or after the effective date of the bill.

**Assessment**

The bill is assessed at having no state or local fiscal impact. Upgrades described in the bill are not intended to contravene state or local codes, covenants, and requirements. Furthermore, the bill states that all homes, landscapes, and irrigation systems must meet all applicable national, state, and local regulations.

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