



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Curry**Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture**Fiscal Analyst:** Clare Pramuk (303-866-2677)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF THE GROUNDWATER COMMISSION TO ALTER THE BOUNDARIES OF A DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER BASIN.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill changes the conditions under which the Colorado Groundwater Commission may alter the boundaries of a designated groundwater basin. An area included in a groundwater basin can only be excluded if the revision will not exclude any wells for which conditional or final permits have been issued. The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. The provisions of the bill will not affect groundwater litigation pending on January 1, 2010.

Assessment

This bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. Rulings of the commission may be appealed to the district court in the county in which the water rights or wells are located. Because pending litigation is not subject to the bill and the changes going forward are not expected to substantially affect the volume of groundwater litigation, the bill has no impact on state or local government revenues or expenditures.

Departments Contacted

Judicial

Natural Resources