

LFC Requester:**Austin Davidson****AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION****WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: January 21, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 85 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Kathleen Cates **Agency Name and Code** Office of the State Engineer
Short Title: Prohibiting Nonfunctional Turf Installation **Number:** 550
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: NA
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: NA

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 85 would create a new statutory provision that would:

- 1) prohibit the installation of nonfunctional turf on State-Owned or State-Funded property beginning in 2027;
- 2) prohibit the use of water other than recycled or reclaimed water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on State-Owned or State-Funded property beginning in 2032; and
- 3) require that nonfunctional turf on State-Owned or State-Funded property that is removed be replaced with drought and climate resilient landscapes beginning in 2032.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The definition used in the bill for “drought- and climate-resilient landscaping” comports with the commonly used terminology in the water conservation field for that type of landscaping.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill is not enacted, nonfunctional turf grass may continue to be planted and irrigated with potable water on State-Owned or State-Funded properties.

AMENDMENTS

None.