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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Campos **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/27/2025

BILL

SHORT TITLE Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Training **NUMBER** Senate Bill 86

ANALYST Davidson

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$625.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parenttheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
DFA	No fiscal impact	Up to \$98.0	Up to \$98.0	Up to \$196.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
Department of Finance and Administration
State Land Office
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From
New Mexico Acequia Association

Agency Declined to Respond
New Mexico Environment Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 86

Senate Bill 86 appropriates \$625 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for the purpose of providing funding for training and outreach services for soil and water conservation districts statewide.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$625 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the general fund.

Analysis from DFA highlighted how passage of Senate Bill 86 could potentially require the department to need one additional personnel to administer the appropriation, conduct outreach, and survey all soil and water conservation districts to determine how each district could use the appropriation. DFA estimated operation cost increases could be up to \$98,384.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Agency analysis from the Department of Finance and Administration notes Senate Bill 86 does not give details as to the nature of the training and outreach discussed in the bill, and the number of specialized contractors and trainers related to soil and water conservation districts is a limited pool. All this could hamper implementation of the appropriation.

Analysis from the State Land Office (SLO) notes it regularly partners with soil and water conservation districts on projects on state trust lands. SLO analysis states increased funding for district staff could improve execution and creation of projects.

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