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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Madalena	DATE TYPED:	02/07/00	HB	HJM 59
SHORT TITLE:	Indian Water Rights Claims			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pickering

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM53

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer /Interstate Stream Commission (OSE/ISC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HJM59 requests the LFC to investigate and report on the necessity, practicability and appropriate strategy for creating a trust fund to support negotiation and settlement of Indian water rights claims in New Mexico.

Significant Issues

According to OSE, HJM59 presents a good opportunity to accelerate negotiation and settlement of outstanding Indian water rights claims outside of the lengthy and costly judicial process. By developing a strategy with demonstrated support from the legislature, OSE believes this would show serious intent on the part of the state to settle these claims.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The agency feels that legislative support can help produce a successful resolution of the Indian water rights claims. However, if no legislative assistance is provided, the consequences are continued protracted and expensive adjudications.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

HJM 59 duplicates SJM 53.

RWP/gm