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FISCALIMPACTREPORT

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SHORT TITLE:	Water	Watershed Enhancement Projects			410
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	or Non-Rec	Affected
	\$ 150.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB89, HB145, SB120, SB202

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)



Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for allocation to the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for the purpose of conducting a pilot project to improve the Santa Fe watershed, including vegetation management to enhance water conservation and improve water quality. The New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall cooperate with other federal, state and local agencies. The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to House Bills 145 and 89 and Senate Bills 120 and 202, all pertaining to water quality issues.

APP/gm