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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Vigil DATE TYPED: 01/29/01 HB 237
 SHORT TITLE: Acequia Notification for Change of Purpose SB _____
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 24
 Relates to HB 156

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Ditch Association and the Association of Counties.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 237 provides for notifying the State Engineer and the mayordomo or superintendent of an acequia or community ditch prior to an application of a water rights transfer or point of diversion change.

Significant Issues

Taken as a stand alone bill HB 237 is simple and innocuous. However, this bill along with related bills such as HB 156, have the cumulative effect of denying individuals the reasonable right to benefit from market opportunities.

This bill along with others is clarifying the role of individual property rights with the rights of a community based irrigation system.

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