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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Madalena DATE TYPED: _____ HB 700
 SHORT TITLE: Sandoval County Acequias SB _____
 ANALYST: Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 5.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA)
 Office of the State Engineer (SEO)

No Response Received
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$5.0 from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of completing a study to provide historical information and determine the current status of the community ditch systems located in Sandoval county to increase the awareness of the public of the historical, cultural and social importance of acequia agriculture in Sandoval county.

Significant Issues

When completed, the study will provide a history of community ditch systems in Sandoval county. SEO states that the study may conclude that water rights that have been abandoned may be considered as valid as a result of this study. All water rights are determined through the adjudication process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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The appropriation of \$5.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund. Due to the small amount of the appropriation, there is concern that a complete study of community ditches in Sandoval county may not be accomplished.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill should be amended to provide how and to whom the study is to be presented upon completion.

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