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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Cisneros DATE TYPED: 02/27/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Water Rights of Rural Domestic Water Systems SB 697
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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)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill provides that the State Engineer determine all rights to the use of the water by rural domestic water systems.

Significant Issues

The bill secures water rights which were previously diversions from ditches, springs, rivers or shallow wells for rural domestic water systems. The minimum water rights of a domestic water system is determined by the average statewide per person diversion. The determination shall not result in a reduction of existing diversions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 697 contains no appropriation. Determining the minimum water right for a rural domestic system would be an easy calculation for the State Engineer. Establishing the water right on the number of users of the water system would not require significant additional expenditures.

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