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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-24-07

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 397

SHORT TITLE Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Woods

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NFI	\$189.0	Non-Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 292

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 292 seeks to appropriate \$189,000 from the general fund to the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for the Estancia basin water planning committee to update the regional water plan, conduct a sub-basin study, perform an educational campaign and hire technical assistance, including a hydrologist. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

OSE indicates that enactment of this bill will likely have minimal fiscal impact on the OSE/ISC.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OSE suggests that enactment of this bill will require ISC staff to administer the appropriation, and to assist the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee in accessing the appropriated money

for its intended purposes. The amount of staff time that will be required to administer this appropriation is uncertain, but it has the potential to affect other duties of the ISC water planning staff.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This bill is a duplicate of Senate Bill 292.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

OSE states that the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee will not receive the funding needed to update its regional water plan in one of the fastest growing areas of the state, and where the underlying aquifer is being rapidly depleted.

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