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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/20/09

SPONSOR HENRC LAST UPDATED HJM 3/HENRCS

SHORT TITLE Water Cabinet Environmental Flow Assessment SB

ANALYST Woods

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands) \*

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$0.1	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From (comments solicited on 2-19-09)  
 Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)  
 Department of Game and Fish (DGF)  
 State Engineer (OSE)  
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
 Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Energy and Minerals Committee substitute for House Joint Memorial 3 resolves the following:

- that the policy of the state of New Mexico be to use scientifically derived information appropriate to

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- each stream system in managing stream flows so as to protect the environmental integrity of its rivers and riparian areas while maintaining the viability of the surrounding agricultural lands and compliance with legal mandates;
- that in furtherance of that policy, the state agencies represented in the water cabinet be requested to work cooperatively in preparation of a preliminary evaluation plan, using existing data and information, for
- identifying streams at risk of degradation from hydrologic alteration, and to evaluate relevant assessment methodologies and identify data gaps;
- that nothing in this plan shall promote a regulatory scheme or a conversion of agricultural lands or practices;
- that the agencies be requested to prepare and disseminate an informational report containing results and recommendations from this evaluation;
- that the evaluation be developed in consultation with water user, water rights and conservation
- organizations, appropriate scientific specialists and other agencies;

The legislation further resolves that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor's office; to the secretaries of finance and administration, environment and energy, minerals and natural resources; to the state engineer; and to the directors of the interstate stream commission, the New Mexico finance authority, the New Mexico department of agriculture and the department of game and fish.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

While it is anticipated that respondent agencies will suggest some measure of fiscal impact associated with administrative costs, no responses have been received to date. Accordingly, the FIR will be updated once agency responses have been received.

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