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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/08/17  
 SPONSOR Garcia Richard LAST UPDATED 03/16/17 HM 103/aHAWC  
 SHORT TITLE Santa Fe River Basin Issues SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST Amacher

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

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: SM 70

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of the HAWC Amendment

The House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee amendments remove the phrase “the state engineer to review return-flow credits” and insert “that state agencies participate in meetings on water issues”; and acknowledges the department of environment for its participation in meetings with Santa Fe river traditional communities. The HAWC amendments also remove the responsibility of the state engineer in convening a meeting with the representative stakeholders and in developing legislative recommendation by August 1, 2017. As outlined the state engineer is now requested to send staff to the appropriate meetings of the Santa Fe River traditional communities collaborative.

#### Synopsis of the Original Memorial

House Memorial 103 tasks the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) to convene a meeting with the representative stakeholders for the purpose of informing and making recommendation on the flow of water required for the city of Santa Fe to receive return-flow credits to the Rio Grande. HM 103 tasks the Interstate Stream Commission to resume the water rights negotiations initiated in 2009. The OSE is to produce a progress report of these subjects and make recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee by August 1, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known fiscal impacts.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

House Memorial 103 as amended, requests the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) to send staff to the appropriate meetings of the Santa Fe River traditional communities collaborative. The House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation are to further encourage and support collaborative cooperation and participation across agencies in efforts to conserve, preserve, protect and develop Santa Fe River’s precious water supplies for all concerned parties.

**DUPLICATION**

HM 103 duplicates SM 70/SCONCS with the exception that SM 70/SCONCS requests tribal governments continue to participate in collaborative and cooperative efforts with city, state and federal agencies in achieving successful cooperation and mutual understanding in the protection of the Santa Fe river.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

As noted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) this memorial talks about “water quality” but the intent of the memorial is clear that it is for water rights adjudications of the Santa Fe river. NMED also indicates it is unclear how the identification and cost of bioremediation systems to neutralize the emerging pollutants and pharmaceuticals from effluent water relates to the resolved of the memorial.

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