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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Muñoz/Sanchez	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	HB		
SHORT TITLE No Augustin Plains Ranch Water Permit			SM	117/aSRC	

ANALYST Armstrong

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		None				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HM97

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<u>Response Received From</u> Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment inserts an additional "whereas" clause noting a purported lack of a clear and concise definition of "impairment" of water rights, strikes a reference to the specific amount of acre feet of water at issue, inserts instead a request that the state engineer refrain from issuing a permit until the concerns of numerous named institutions and unnamed individuals have been considered, and inserts a provision that the memorial will be distributed to the governments of the Navajo Nation and Pueblo of Acoma, in addition to the governor and the congressional delegation.

Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Memorial 117 (SM117) requests that OSE refrain from issuing a permit to Augustin Plains Ranch, LLC, for an appropriation of 54 thousand acre-feet of water.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Augustin Plains Ranch, LLC filed an Application on April 28, 2016. OSE's Water Rights Division filed a Request to Docket Application on February 2, 2017. This application is in the hearing process and the state engineer cannot take a position on SM117.

JA/jle