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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/20

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Statewide Dam Projects SB 236

ANALYST Wan

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$100,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See fiscal implications				

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 236 appropriates \$100 million from the general fund to OSE for expenditure in FY21 for statewide dam projects.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC capital outlay framework includes \$5 million to plan, design, construct, rehabilitate, and make improvements to publicly-owned dams statewide.

OSE reports that additional funding for new FTE would be needed to manage the additional workload for design review and project management associated with administering these funds, but did not specify how many FTE would be required or the expected cost. The average cost of an FTE in the program responsible for dam project management is \$81 thousand.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

In order to effectively spend this appropriation, OSE states additional FTE or contractor assistance would be required.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

OSE's Dam Safety Bureau regulates 298 dams in the state. One hundred fifty of those dams are publicly-owned and have the potential to cause loss of life in the event of a dam failure. Nearly 70 of these publicly-owned dams have known deficiencies with a total estimated rehabilitation cost of over \$300 million.

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