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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date** 3/8/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Prepared:**  
**Bill** SB 384 Original Correct  
**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ ion \_\_\_\_\_  
Amend X Substit  
ment \_\_\_\_\_ ute \_\_\_\_\_

**Spons** **Agency**  
**or:** Roberto Gonzalez **Name and**  
**Code**  
**Number:** NMDA - 199  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

Senate conservation committee amendment to senate bill 384 (SB 384) adds language specifying that the Rio Hondo watershed district to be created is in Taos County.

SB 384 gives an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100.0) to the New Mexico department of agriculture (NMDA) to plan, develop and create a Rio Hondo watershed district in fiscal year 2026 (FY26).

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The amendment would have no fiscal implication to NMDA.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The amendment clarifies that the Rio Hondo watershed referred to in SB 384 is located in Taos County. There is another Rio Hondo located in Lincoln and Chaves counties.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The amendment would have no administrative implication to NMDA.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

## **ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

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

If SB 384 is not passed, NMDA would not receive a one hundred-thousand-dollar appropriation (\$100.0) to plan, develop and create a Rio Hondo watershed district in Taos county in FY26.

## **AMENDMENTS**

N/A