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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/17

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Northeastern NM Water Supply SM 24

ANALYST Amacher

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

|              | FY17 | FY18                  | FY19 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost  | Recurring or<br>Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected           |
|--------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |      | (\$40.0 to<br>\$80.0) | NFI  | (\$40.0 to<br>\$80.0) | Nonrecurring                 | See Fiscal<br>Implications |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Memorial 24 tasks the Office of the State Engineer, the Interstate Stream Commission and regional stakeholders to study options for addressing water supply issues in northeastern New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

As provided by the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) a range of \$40 thousand to \$80 thousand is an estimated cost for the requested study, as highlighted in the operating budget impact chart above. The OSE indicates a portion of the work requested by the memorial has been recently completed through the acceptance by the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) regional water plans for the Colfax and the Mora-San Miguel-Guadalupe regions. The OSE notes that those plans did not include analyses to either identify potential water sources outside of the northeastern region or to develop pipelines as part of large-scale regional water projects to bring water to the area.

The OSE suggests that because the OSE and the ISC resources are required to conduct the requested study of this memorial would not be reimbursed, those resources will not be available for these agencies to perform their statutorily mandated duties.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Senate Memorial 24 tasks the Office of the State Engineer, the Interstate Stream Commission and regional stakeholders to study options for addressing water supply issues in northeastern New Mexico. Specifically the study is to include identifying potential water sources outside of the region and developing a pipeline to some other large-scale regional water project to bring water to the area.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

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If statutory changes are to be considered by the legislature or water infrastructure development projects (pipelines) are to be developed as a result of this report, it may help to effectuate real legislative changes from the group's recommendation to identify one or more interim legislative committees which will review the requested report and a deadline as to when the report is due.

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