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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino ORIGINAL DATE _____
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Abq-Bernalillo Water Authority Effectiveness SM 100

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HM102

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

Responses NOT Received From

Environment Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 100 (SM 100) asks the Legislative Council to identify the appropriate interim committee that addresses water and natural resources issues to receive by October 1, 2018, testimony on the effectiveness of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Utility Authority and its board of directors in accomplishing the authority's duties.

SM 100 seeks testimony to be submitted identifying potential alternatives to the composition of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Authority's board of directors. In addition, SM 100 seeks recommendations on how to reform the appointment or election process of board members.

Finally, SM 100 seeks recommendations to strengthen the ability of the authority to meet the current and future water needs of the city of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and associated local governments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Implications exist for the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Public Utilities under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission are subject to regulation under the Public Utility Act (NMSA Chapter 62). The Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Authority was created pursuant to Section 72-1-10 NMSA. Section 72-1-10(I.) states: “The authority is not subject to the jurisdiction of or approval from the public regulation commission. The authority is not subject to the provisions of the Public Utility Act [Chapter 62, Articles 1 through 6 and 8 through 13 NMSA 1978]. The authority is granted a water use planning period not to exceed forty years as set forth in Section 72-1-9 NMSA 1978.” The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission does regulate small investor owned utilities near or bordering the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Authority.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

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