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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodella DATE TYPED: 02/12/01 HB HJM 29  
 SHORT TITLE: Appoint Acequia Reps to Water Study Groups SB \_\_\_\_\_  
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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HJM 33

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

HJM 29 requests that water-focused executive agencies and the legislature appoint members of acequias to task groups or study groups established to address water issues.

#### Significant Issues

Input and moving toward consensus on water issues from all stakeholders is desirable. Exclusion of any stakeholder will only result in later delay and possible litigation.

### RELATIONSHIP

HJM 33 request that all stakeholders work together to benefit all New Mexicans. HJM 29 is a component of this cooperation.

### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This memorial serves as an important reminder to state agencies and entities of the value and experience that acequia representatives may provide. In agency deliberations of water related planning, the impact of decisions on acequias could be significant. Representation and participation in these decisions by acequia members would insure that their concerns and suggestions are heard.

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To implement the intent of this memorial, the agencies would add acequia representatives to their list of invites to meetings and provide membership slots on advisory organizations.

Without this bill, the acequias could be inadvertently overlooked in state agency deliberations. Lacking this input, decisions could adversely impact acequias.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

How can the State of New Mexico build and improve consensus among all the various stakeholders?

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