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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gonzales DATE TYPED 1/31/2005 HB 190

SHORT TITLE Jemez Y Sangre District Cloud-Seeding Project SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$400.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Interstate Stream Commission

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 190 appropriates \$400.0 from the general fund to the Jemez Y Sangre Regional Planning District for the purpose of conducting phase I of a cloud seeding pilot project.

Significant Issues

Due to a resurgence of weather modification research and cloud seeding operations throughout the western United States and motivated by increasing water demands and drought, the ISC expects an increase in programs under the New Mexico Weather Control Act. Weather modification is identified in the state water plan and most regional water plans as a potential source of new water supply.

The Interstate Stream Commission notes the Jemez y Sangre group has developed a preliminary plan for the pilot program to evaluate regional atmospheric conditions and better understand operational and assessment requirements for conducting cloud seeding operations in northern New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund

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