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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Mined Ground Water Transfer Moratorium SB SJM 47/aSRC

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment to Senate Joint Memorial 47 changes the title of the bill replacing “impose a moratorium” with “adopt provisions”.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 47 requests the state engineer impose certain limitations on transfers of mined groundwater out of the basin of origin.

#### Significant Issues

SJM 47 resolves that the exportation of mined water from a closed groundwater basin be consistent with the public welfare of New Mexico, not contrary to the planning objectives set forth in a regional water plan, that there must be a demonstrable need to export groundwater, and that there are no alternative sources of water to supply the region seeking to import groundwater. The resolution requests the state engineer adopt these provisions as part of the process for evaluating applications proposing to export groundwater from the Estancia Basin.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The title of the bill does not agree with the resolution proposed by this joint memorial. A moratorium on transfers of mined groundwater would be a cessation of these transfers, whereas the legislation proposes limitations on such transfers.

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