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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-26-07

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 312

SHORT TITLE Water Conservation Conference Participation SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Woods

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NFI	\$40.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 312 seeks to appropriate \$40,000 from the general fund to the Office of the State Engineer for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to pay for costs of fifty participants to attend the water conservation conference in Albuquerque. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OSE notes that this bill provides that the state will pay for fifty people to attend the Water Conservation Conference in Albuquerque. Although not specified, it is assumed that it is the Xeriscape council of NM's annual conference on water related issues that they will attend. It is a 3- day event and costs associated with attendance include room, board, travel, and conference registration.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

OSE indicates that the bill does not identify or indicate the fifty people that will benefit from this appropriation. It is assumed, therefore, that OSE will coordinate with the Xeriscape council to select fifty individuals to attend the conference.

OSE further indicates that it is expected that a considerable amount of staff time will be required to determine how these funds may be legally expended, as the funds cannot be expended in a manner prohibited by the anti-donation clause of NM's Constitution (art. IX, § 14).

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