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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Add Agencies with Government License Plates      SB CS/290 & 315/aHF1

ANALYST Earnest

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)	(\$0.1)	Recurring	State Road Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 43

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HF1 Amendment

The House Floor amendment adds Subsections E and F to 66-6-15 to require vehicles or trailers in service of the state to display a plate furnished by the Transportation Services Division (TSD) of the General Services Department (GSD). The vehicles or trailers need not be registered with the Motor Vehicle Division. The plates issued by GSD shall be:

1. permanent and shall not be renewed;
2. numbered to identify the state agency to which they are issued; and
3. the same size but a different color from registration plates issued to private vehicles or trailers.

Subsection F defines state agency, as used in Subsection E, as a state department, agency, board or commission, including the legislative and judicial branch or government, but not including public schools and institutions of higher education.

The definition of “state agency” in Subsection F conflicts with existing statute (66-3-28). Section 66-3-28, which is amended by section 1 of the bill, includes a definition of state agency that excludes the legislative and judicial branches.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 290 and Senate Bill 315 would allow fleet vehicles of solid waste authorities, irrigation districts, mutual domestic water associations, and conservancy districts to obtain government registration plates. Vehicles with government plates are not required to be registered, but they must display plates provided by the Motor Vehicle Division. These plates are permanent and need not be renewed.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

According to TRD analysis of a similar bill—House Bill 43—registration fee revenue would decrease under the proposal. Total impacts, however, are probably minor.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill adds irrigation districts, solid waste authorities, mutual domestic water associations, and conservancy districts to the definition of state agency eligible for issuance of government plates. Recently, TRD had found that that such entities do not qualify for government plates under current statute. Government plates were issued by the Motor Vehicle Division of TRD in previous years. Since reversal of the policy, these entities have been required to pay yearly registration fees to license their vehicles.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This bill relates to relates to House Bill 43, which only specifies irrigation districts.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The bill references irrigation districts, mutual domestic water associations, solid waste authority, and conservancy district but doesn't specify that they must be public entities. TRD has suggested that without such clarification, there may be no basis to deny government plates to private associations and similar organizations, such as private acequia associations.

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