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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/07

SPONSOR Ashbill LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Government Plates for Irrigation Districts SB 315

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)

Duplicates House Bill 43
Relates to Senate Bill 290

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 315 would allow fleet vehicles of irrigation 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, registration fee revenue would decrease under the proposal. Total impacts, however, are probably less than \$10 thousand per year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill specifies irrigation districts should be provided government plates. In addition, at least two solid waste authorities, formed among counties and municipalities, have raised concerns about TRD's finding 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, solid waste authorities have been required to pay yearly registration fees.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates House Bill 43 and relates to Senate Bill 290, which also includes solid waste authorities, and mutual domestic water associations.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

According to TRD, the bill references irrigation districts but doesn't specify that they must be public irrigation districts. Without such clarification, there may be no basis to deny government plates to private acequia associations and similar organizations.

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