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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-17-07

SPONSOR Cisneros LAST UPDATED 3-3-07 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Strategic Water Reserve Infrastructure SB 886/aHAGC

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB330

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer – Interstate Stream Commission (OSE-ISC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAGC Amendment

House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee amendment to Senate Bill 886 reflects the following language:

1. On page 2, line 15, strike "related" and after "infrastructure" insert "for the delivery of water to the location of need".
2. On page 3, line 6, after "condemnation" insert "and may only condemn real property when that property is needed for infrastructure related to the conveyance of water".

The amendment adds “need” criteria to payments for administrative and infrastructure costs, as well as condemnation activities. The amendment adds no appropriation language.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 886 seeks to amend Section 72-14-3.3 (A) (the Strategic Water Reserve Act) to explicitly allow the interstate stream commission to use strategic water reserve funding to develop, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure related to the strategic water reserve purposes.

There is no appropriation attached to this legislation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of the State Engineer, Interstate Stream Commission notes that an example of how this amendment would be applied would be to make it clear that the interstate stream commission could use strategic water reserve related funding to construct, operate and maintain a pipeline to deliver water that it purchased through the strategic water reserve from a well to the river where the water is needed for compact or endangered species purposes consistent with the directives in the existing legislation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Office of the State Engineer, Interstate Stream Commission opines that the authority of the interstate stream commission to develop, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure related to the strategic water reserve would not be as clear as it would be if this bill is enacted.

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