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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/2020
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Study Whiskey Lake Rehabilitation SB 176
ANALYST Hawker

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 176 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for the rehabilitation of Whiskey Lake Dam and Whiskey Lake in McKinley county for recreational use.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of the State Engineer (OSE) notes the Whiskey Lake Dame is not under the jurisdiction of OSE. It is included in the National Inventory of Dams, number NM00391. OSE states it is unclear which design and safety criteria applies to this dam. Coordination with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Safety of Dams program would be needed.

IAD notes it is unclear who is responsible for conducting the study.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the National Inventory of Dams, Whiskey Lake Dam is 25 feet in height and can store 187 acre-feet of water.

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