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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR (Campos	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	2/6/2020 HB		
SHORT TITLE	Acequia Capital Pro	ojects Coordinator	SB	238	
			ANALYST	Wan	

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund
FY20	FY21	or Nonrecurring	Affected
	\$85.0	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

Senate Bill 238 appropriates \$85 thousand from the general fund to OSE for the purpose of hiring an acequia capital projects coordinator for the Interstate Stream Commission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OSE requested \$85 thousand for an acequia capital projects coordinator as an expansion item in its FY21 budget request, but the position was not included for funding in the House version of the General Appropriation Act.

OSE notes that the agency received 67 capital outlay appropriations to individual acequias totaling approximately \$9 million during the 2019 legislative session, and that the annual funding available to acequias through the acequia and community ditch fund was increased to \$2.5 million.

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