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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Carraro DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Acequia Notification for Change of Purpose SB 24/aSJC
 ANALYST: Dotson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		None			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Ditch Association and the Association of Counties.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendments

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendments change notification from mayordomo or superintendent to mayordomo, superintendent and chairman.

Synopsis of Original Bill

SB 24 provides for notifying the State Engineer and the mayordomo or superintendent of an acequia or community ditch prior to an application of a water rights transfer or point of diversion change.

Significant Issues of SJC Amendments

The amendments increases the responsibility for notification from one individuals to three. The burden does not seem unreasonable.

Significant Issues

Taken as a stand alone bill SB 24 is simple and innocuous. However, this bill along with related bills such as HB 156, have the cumulative effect of denying individuals the reasonable right to benefit from market opportunities.

This bill along with others is clarifying the role of individual property rights with the rights of a community based irrigation system.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Duplicates HB 237 and is related to HB 156.

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