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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Salazar DATE TYPED: 02/04/03 HB 235

SHORT TITLE: Water & Sanitation Districts for All Counties SB _____

ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Legislative Finance Committee files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration
 Public Regulation Commission
 New Mexico Finance Authority
 Office of the State Engineer
 Department of Environment

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 235 amends the Water and Sanitation District Act [NMSA 1978 Section 73-21-4] to allow Water and Sanitation Districts to be formed in any county within New Mexico. Section 73-21-4 currently authorizes Water and Sanitation Districts to be formed only in class A or class B counties with populations greater than 90,000, which as of April 30, 2002 are Bernalillo, Dona Ana, San Juan, and Santa Fe counties.

Significant Issues

The Office of the State Engineer reports the following concern: enactment of the bill may lead to

an increase in requests, and thus application, to the State Engineer for determinations of whether the proposed district has adequate water rights pursuant to NMSA 1978 section 73-21-9 from district courts acting on petitions to form Water and Sanitation Districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 235 does not contain an appropriation and no fiscal impact has been reported by those agencies who have analyzed this bill.

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