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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stell DATE TYPED 2/24/2005 HB 961

SHORT TITLE Study Use of Salt Basin Water SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 711, SB 583

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

Responses Not Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 961 appropriates \$100 thousand dollars from the general fund to the Interstate Stream Commission for the purpose of conducting a study of the salt basin water resource to determine how best to retain the water in New Mexico for use by New Mexico communities.

Significant Issues

The Salt Basin contains a substantial amount of ground water, and contains some perennial surface water flows. Ground water is currently used for irrigation in this area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

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