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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nunez DATE TYPED 2/08/05 HJM 1
 SHORT TITLE Study Water Utility Authorities SB _____
 ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI		Indeterminate	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 1 would request the legislative council to direct the appropriate interim legislative committee to examine the best method to enable local governments to operate and maintain water utility authorities.

Significant Issues

DFA noted there are numerous ways for a water utility to organize and operate. For instance, you can follow the Sanitary Project Act or the Mutual Domestic Water Act. In the past, the determination was based on the size and the intent of the utility. The Sanitary Project Act is for an authority that wants to include both a water utility and a wastewater utility. The Mutual Domestic Water Act is for an authority that only wants to include the water utility.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Depending on whether HJM1 contemplates need for a consultant study, the Legislative Council Service might incur additional costs if this were to be enacted.

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