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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Pinto ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/18
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Baahaali Chapter Water Well Improvement SB 103

ANALYST Amacher

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
	\$80.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 103 appropriates \$80 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for expenditure in FY 19 for a water well improvement project at the Baahaali of the Navajo Nation. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund. If enacted, Senate Bill 103 would become effective May16, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB103 appropriates \$80 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for expenditure in FY 19 for a water well improvement project at the Baahaali of the Navajo Nation.

The IAD notes that in the Severance Tax Bond Projects legislation in 2016, the Department of Environment was appropriated \$750 thousand to plan, design and construct projects to improve surface water quality and river habitat statewide. The Baahaali chapter requested \$30 thousand to fund a water well project. However, this legislation was vetoed.

IAD seeks clarification as to whether the water well currently exists or if it is a new development project. Also, no information relating to the location of the water well, environmental conditions and the demographics of the surrounding area of the water well is uncertain.

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