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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply: Date 1/26/24
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** SB 197
Correction **Substitute**

Sponsor: Sen. Roberto “Bobby” **Agency Name** Office of the State Engineer
 Gonzales, Sen. Kristina Ortez, **and Code** 550
 & Sen. Pete Campos **Number:** _____
Short Taos County Water Projects **Person Writing** Jonathan Martinez
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
NFI	\$12,715	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	\$62.5	\$62.5	\$125	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act None

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Senate Bill 197 makes appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and the Interstate Stream Commission for a total of 16 water projects in Taos County. Six appropriations are made to the Department of Environment for water/wastewater projects totaling \$7.9 million and 10 appropriations are made to the Interstate Stream Commission for acequia projects totaling \$4.815 million. These appropriations are for FY 2025 through FY 2028 and any unexpended balance shall revert to the general fund withing six months of the end of the project but no later than the end of FY 2028.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 197 funds water projects within Taos County totaling \$12.715 million for both the Department of Environment and the Interstate Stream Commission.

The added workload for the oversight and administration of the funds in this bill for the Interstate Stream Commission would occupy approximately 0.5 FTE of effort in the Interstate Stream Commission’s Acequia Bureau. The cost of one FTE is estimated at \$125,000/year, so the cost to the bureau of this bill is estimated at \$62,500 per year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Additional workloads on both state agencies is created with no funding for administration of the funds. When there are too many acequia projects administered by the Interstate Stream Commission’s Acequia Bureau without sufficient funding for staffing, that could affect the timing by which projects are reviewed and money is released.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If Senate Bill 197 is not enacted, 16 water projects in Taos County will not receive funding for their water infrastructure needs.

AMENDMENTS

None