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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO****[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://agencyanalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*****(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)*****SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 3/11/2025*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 384Original ☐ Correction ☐Amendment ☐ Substitute ☒

Sponsor: Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales **Agency Name and Code Number:** Office of the State Engineer 550

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	\$100	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
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Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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(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

Senate Bill SB384 appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the general fund to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (“Department”) in fiscal year 2026 to plan, develop, and create a Rio Hondo watershed district. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 would revert to the general fund.

The amendment clarifies that this appropriation is for the Rio Hondo in Taos County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Developing a watershed district would allow the Department to plan for preventing and mitigating water-related issues, such as flooding, erosion, and water quality degradation, and to implement projects such as drainage systems, wetland restoration, and streambank stabilization within its boundaries. The existence of a watershed district could also further the Department’s ability to engage in regional water planning for the Rio Hondo area.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

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 this bill is not enacted, there will be no funding to plan, develop, and create a Rio Hondo Watershed District.

AMENDMENTS

None