

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1281 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-13-99

- 1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

See attached.

- 2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds

Revenues:

Expenditures:

- 3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: \$5,000
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: \$15,000
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: \$5,000

- 4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
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If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

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HB 1281 creates specific bonding authority for an irrigation district finance program to be administered by the Water Commission. The bill places a number of obligations on the Water Commission that will increase the workload for present staff, and may require the hiring of consultants to handle the economic feasibility and financial aspects of the program. These costs can be reimbursed by the financing package, if a plan is approved. However, the Water Commission could spend considerable time and money evaluating proposals that do not proceed to implementation. These costs are not included, however, because they are very indeterminate at this time. In addition, this fiscal note does not include any money allocated from the Resources Trust Fund since these funds are part of SB 2023. The only costs included in this fiscal note are an estimate of the administrative costs necessary to set up the program. These costs could involve outside consultants, Water Commission staff time, attorney fees, or a combination. A very rough estimate is \$25,000 - \$5,000 this biennium, \$15,000 next biennium, and \$5,000 for the 2001-03 biennium.