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TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2293 by Puente (Relating to the repeal of the junior priority of a water right authorizing a transfer of water from one river basin in this state to another river basin in this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would repeal provisions in the Water Code that addresses interbasin transfers. Out-of-basin water transfers would no longer be junior in priority to all other basin-of-origin water rights. No significant change to state agency workload is anticipated as a result of the bill's passage.

Local Government Impact

This bill could result in a decrease in costs for local governments seeking to acquire water supplies from watersheds other than the one in which the local government is located.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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