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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB743 by Lucio (Relating to the study and implementation of seawater desalination.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB743, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$15,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	(\$15,000)
2005	\$0
2006	(\$15,000)
2007	\$0
2008	(\$15,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	(\$15,000)	(0.3)
2005	\$0	0.0
2006	(\$15,000)	(0.3)
2007	\$0	0.0
2008	(\$15,000)	(0.3)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Water Development board to undertake or participate in research, feasibility and facility planning studies, investigations, and surveys as it considers necessary to further the development of cost-effective water supplies from seawater desalination. The bill would require that every even numbered year, the Water Development Board would prepare and submit a progress report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Methodology

The agency estimates that costs for conducting the desalination research and studies to be \$15,000 per biennium and require 0.25 FTE every other fiscal year. The agency expects that these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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