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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1377 by Armbrister (Relating to landowners of groundwater whose land is enrolled or participating in a government conservation program.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit a groundwater conservation district, when making rules or issuing permits, from discriminating against land or wells on land that is participating in a federal conservation reserve program. The bill would take effect September 1, 2003, and would apply only to rules adopted by a groundwater conservation district on or after that date. The changes in statute that would result from the bill would not apply to rules adopted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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