

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 22, 2003**

**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.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**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. 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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