

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2423** by Puente (Relating to discrimination by a groundwater conservation district against landowners whose land is enrolled or participating in a federal conservation program.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would prohibit a groundwater conservation district from promulgating rules that would discriminate between owners of land that is irrigated for production and owners of land or their lessees and assigns whose land is enrolled or participating in a federal conservation program. A district would be prohibited from discriminating when issuing a permit, as well.

Not later than the 90th day after the effective date of the bill, the Hudspeth County Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 would be required to take actions to come into compliance with the provisions under Sections 36.002 and 36.101(a) Water Code established by the bill. Otherwise, the changes in law would apply only to a rule adopted by a district on or after the effective date of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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