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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: SB728 by Seliger (Relating to a groundwater conservation district's recovery of expenses in closing or capping a well.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to allow a groundwater conservation district to recover attorney's fees, court costs, and reasonable expenses incurred in closing or capping a well from an owner of the land on which the well is located.

Local Government Impact

There could be a savings to a groundwater conservation district that would be allowed to recover the additional expenses incurred in closing or capping a well if an owner failed or refused to comply with the requirements; however, the amounts would vary depending on the number of wells located in a groundwater district.

According to several groundwater conservation districts surveyed, there would be no fiscal impact associated with the provisions of the bill.

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