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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: SB737 by Hegar (Relating to the management of groundwater production by groundwater conservation districts.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to grant the executive administrator of a groundwater conservation district the authority to determine the amount of water that may be produced on an average annual basis to achieve desired future conditions as established in a management plan. The bill also would instruct a groundwater conservation district to base permitting practices on the executive director's model and analysis of current and future groundwater availability.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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