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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2578 by Larson (Relating to the development of brackish groundwater.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to require the Water Development Board (WDB) to adopt rules for the permitting of brackish groundwater production, as described. The bill would require regional planning groups to submit plans that includes whether opportunities exist to develop brackish groundwater or seawater production. The WDB indicates any duties as a result of the bill would not result in a fiscal implication to the agency. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 580 Water Development Board

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