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**TO:** Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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**IN RE: HB4293** by Paul (Relating to the maintenance and operation of certain projects by certain drainage districts.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Acts of the 57th Legislature, 1962, to authorize certain drainage districts to enter into certain partnership agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The bill would authorize entry of these districts into a public-private partnership or a partnership with the General Land Office (GLO) to fund a local share of the costs of the operation and maintenance of projects undertaken. The bill would require a biennial report from districts to GLO and the Legislature on expenditures of state money for any project.

While the bill requires a report on any expenditures of state funds the bill does not create an obligation for any action on the part of GLO or the Legislature in response to this required report. While the bill authorizes a partnership with GLO it does not create an obligation to fund such a partnership.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated from this bill as the bill does not require any expenditure on the part of a drainage district. Preparing the required report to GLO and the Legislature on any expended state funds could likely be accomplished using existing local resources.

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