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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs

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IN RE: **SB1010** by Perry (Relating to rules adopted by groundwater conservation districts overlying a common aquifer.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to restrict the authority of groundwater districts to make or to enforce rules that are dissimilar to rules promulgated by other groundwater districts that overlie the same aquifer and are in a common groundwater management area.

According to the Water Development Board, the requirement that districts outline the reasons for rules that differ from those of neighboring districts may require a change to the agency's procedures and check-lists for evaluating the administrative completeness of groundwater management plans.

Local Government Impact

According to the Water Development Board, no fiscal impact to local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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