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**590** HLS 21RS Fiscal Note On: HB 922

Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: W/ SEN FLOOR AMD

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Fees

REF +\$10,900 LF RV See Note

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Authorizes the board of the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District to assess fees for capital expenditures and

nonpayment

CONSERVATION

Purpose of Bill: This bill authorizes the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (District) to assess fees to individual users for certain costs based on annual flows or specific costs for wells. In addition, this bill, as amended, authorizes the District to assess monthly late fees not to exceed \$25 or 1.5% of the balance due for non-payment of monthly or quarterly invoices and an application fee of up to \$2,000 for new or upgraded wells.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	2024-25	<u> 2025-26</u>	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	<u> 2024-25</u>	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$10,900	<u>\$10,900</u>	<u>\$10,900</u>	<u>\$10,900</u>	<u>\$10,900</u>	<u>\$54,500</u>
Annual Total	\$10,900	\$10,900	\$10,900	\$10,900	\$10,900	\$54,500

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

An official with the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District indicated that this bill would not impact District expenditures.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

This bill, as amended, may increase local fund revenue by approximately \$10,900 annually.

An official with the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District indicated that this bill, as amended, could increase late fees currently charged by the District by up to \$906 per year (50% increase in late fee rate charged x \$1,812 in late fees currently charged per year) and application fees by up to \$10,000 annually (5 applications per year x \$2,000 per application). Therefore, this bill, as amended, may increase District revenue by up to approximately \$10,900 annually.

In addition, this official indicated that the provisions of the bill regarding assessing costs based on annual flows or specific costs would not impact District revenues, as these provisions allow the District to assess costs for site-specific needs to only the affected parties, rather than passing on charges/costs to all entities on a usage basis.

Se	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>
	$13.5.1 >= $100,000 \text{ Annual Fiscal Cost } \{S \& H\}$
	13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee

Change {S & H}

**House**  $6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$ 

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increaseor a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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