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Bill 1

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: Interim Water Resources Review
Committee Bill Request
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BILL TOPIC: STATE ENGINEER STATUTES CLEANUP

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue General Fund	Potential increase or decrease. See State Revenue section.	
State Expenditures	Minimal increase in workload. See State Expenditures section.	
TABOR Impact	Potential increase or decrease.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Potential revenue impact.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, certain fees collected by the State Engineer's Office (SEO) in the Department of Natural Resources are set in statute. This bill, **requested by the Water Resources Review Committee**, requires the SEO to set fees by rule for:

- copies, certified copies, maps, and large-format prints;
- the hydrographic measurement or rating of a water diversion measurement structure as requested by its owner;
- the certification of a well meter tester, as required by well measurement rules; and
- the performance of other duties.

The remainder of the bill updates sections of the SEO and the Division of Water Resources statutes to conform to modern drafting conventions.

Background

The SEO collects approximately \$1,000 annually in fees for the services covered by this bill from the fees that are currently set in statute. This revenue is deposited into the General Fund.

State Revenue

This bill may result in a change in revenue to the General Fund but any increase or decrease is not expected to be significant. The amount of increase will depend on the fees set by rule and the demand for those services.

TABOR Impact

This bill may change state revenue from fees, which will change the amount required to be refunded under TABOR. TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund.

State Expenditures

In FY 2016-17, the SEO will adopt rules to set the fees addressed in this bill. Because the SEO currently has a rule-making process to set other fees, this bill will only increase the number of agenda items included in the existing rule-making process rather than requiring a new rule-making process. This workload increase can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that a local government purchases a service from the SEO covered by the bill, the cost of that service may change depending on the fees set in rule. Any impact is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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