Bill Topic: WATER RIGHTS EASEMENTS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. This bill clarifies that water right easement holders are entitled to maintain, repair, and improve their easements. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that a ditch right-of-way includes the right for water right easement holders to construct, operate, clean, maintain, repair, and replace the ditch and appurtenant structures, to improve the efficiency of the ditch, including by lining or piping the ditch, and to access the property for such purposes.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

This bill codifies allowable practices and does not impact the revenue or expenditures of any state or local government and is therefore assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 28, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Natural Resources

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