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Revised Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Roberts; Will Bill Status: House Agriculture
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Bill Topic: COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT TASK FORCE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue (checkbox)
State Expenditure (checked)
State Transfer (checkbox)
TABOR Refund (checkbox)
Local Government (checkbox)
Statutory Public Entity (checkbox)

The bill creates the Colorado River Drought Task Force. It increases state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Legislative Department.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-295

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2023-24, and Out Year FY 2024-25. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Colorado River Drought Task Force, which is tasked with developing recommendations for legislation that will provide tools to address drought in the Colorado River Basin. The 17-member task force is comprised of representatives from state agencies, local governments, tribal representatives, water engineers, agricultural and environmental interests, and other stakeholders. The task force must also establish a sub-task force made up of Colorado tribes, the Department of Natural Resources, and other stakeholders to study tribal matters.

The task force may hold up to 12 meetings during the 2023 legislative interim. Members of the task force serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses. By July 15, 2023, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council must hire a facilitator to support the work of the task force. The task force must submit a final report to the Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee by December 15, 2023, outlining all the recommendations that were considered and approved and a summary of the task force's work. The task force is repealed July 1, 2024.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Legislative Department by \$200,000 in FY 2023-24 only, paid from the General Fund. New costs are for contracting with a professional facilitator, based on costs for recent task forces, and to reimburse task force members for any expenses. The cost of the facilitator contract will also include expenses for meeting space and reporting.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 to the Legislative Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

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