



## SB25-140

**SHORT TITLE:** Irrigation Districts Inflation Adjustments

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning adjusting dollar amounts related to the administration of irrigation districts formed pursuant to the irrigation district laws first enacted in 1905 to account for inflation

**SPONSORS:** Sen. Pelton and Rep. Johnson

**COMMITTEES:** Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To update the amounts of compensation for board members and judges of elections for irrigation districts and to increase the amounts of contracts that must be authorized and ratified in writing to account for inflation.

**PROPONENTS OF THE BILL:** Members of Irrigation districts

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Ag community, irrigation districts, entities that contract with them

**BACKGROUND:** Salaries for members of irrigation districts organized under the 1905 statute were last increased to \$100 in 2006 by H -06 1032, approximately 20 years ago. The current amount does not reflect the impacts of inflation.

**Is this bill necessary this year?** There is no deadline

**How does the bill change current law?** It increases compensation for board members of irrigation districts and judges of elections in irrigation districts from \$100 per day to \$150. It increases the amount under a contract which must be authorized and ratified in writing from \$400,000 to \$650,000.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No

**How is the bill implemented?** It is self-executing, but must be increased every five years starting July 1, 2029 to adjust for inflation

**Practical considerations:**

**Fiscal Impact:** It is assumed that the only fiscal impact would be to the members of the irrigation district