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- The Local Government and Infrastructure Planning and Development Divisions at the Department of Finance and Administration;
- The New Mexico Environment Department;
- The Economic Development Department;
- The Department of Information Technology;
- The Indian Affairs Department;
- The Department of Transportation;
- The Acequia Commission;
- Community representatives of frontier areas;
- Representatives from councils of governments; and
- Any other state agencies and service providers the governor may deem necessary.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This fiscal analysis assumed a one-time cost of up to \$100 thousand for the task force conduct a feasibility study. Feasibility studies typically cost less than \$100 thousand. The analysis assumes this cost of the feasibility study would fall on the Department of Finance and Administration due to its current operations dealing with frontier areas and local governments.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) states that the definition of frontier areas as areas sparsely populated, rural, and unincorporated regions is unclear regarding Indian nations, pueblos, and tribes.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

All agencies with appointed members need to have the capacity to assign members to sit on the task force.

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