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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/8/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SJM 2 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Sen. Pete Campos **Agency Name and Code Number:** Office of the State Engineer 550  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None.

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None.

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis:

Senate Joint Memorial 2 calls for the governor to be requested to appoint an “executive-wide task force” to study the needs of “frontier areas” of the state. The term “frontier areas” is defined in the resolution as “the unincorporated areas of a county that are sparsely populated and isolated from larger population centers and services and includes rural communities.”

The task force would include representatives from specified executive agencies/divisions, as well as from frontier area communities, councils of state government, and any other agencies and service providers the governor deems necessary to ensure the study is done in a comprehensive and meaningful way.

The memorial directs that the task force study “the needs of frontier areas,” and specifies several aspects of the study, including assessment of methodologies for strengthening frontier areas with financial investment, and incentives for areas willing to establish community-operated infrastructure networks.

The memorial further directs the task force to provide periodic reports of its work to relevant legislative interim committees, and a final report with findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by November 1, 2025.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The office of the state engineer will continue to work with and assist rural areas of the state regarding their water supply needs under existing programs and authorities.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.