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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 427Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Rep. Micaela Lara CadenaAgency Name
and Code

Office of the State Engineer

Number:

550

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Phone: 4474Email: m.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

HB 427 would amend the Water Project Finance Act to include funding for real-time monitoring for water quality purposes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The title of the bill states, "...to monitor the quality of New Mexico's drinking water," but in the text of the bill, it states the funding can be used for wastewater monitoring.

If the intent of the bill is to allow for wastewater monitoring, then the word wastewater should be used throughout the bill whenever "water quality" appears (i.e., and for real-time water and wastewater quality monitoring projects as provided in Section 72-4A-7 NMSA 1978).

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the bill is not enacted, entities that would like to invest in real-time monitoring for water (and wastewater) systems will likely need to find another funding opportunity. It is possible that some costs could be funded under the other authorized funding opportunities through the Water Trust Board, but the extent of the currently allowable funding is likely limited to capital and "hard infrastructure."

AMENDMENTS

As above, adding the phrase “and wastewater” to be consistent throughout the bill will reduce confusion regarding the allowable types of projects for which this funding can be used.