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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: 1/22/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB0022 Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
50,000		Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

- Relating to the environment;
- Alphabetizing and adding definitions to the Water Quality Act;
- Providing for certain water quality control commission rules;
- Creating the neglected and contaminated sites fund;
- Providing for general permit coverage for multiple dischargers;
- Revising the water quality management fund and distribution of certain penalties;
- Allowing for the denial of permits;
- Amending notice requirements for water quality act permits;
- Providing for certain uses of permit fees;
- Amending the purposes of the water quality management fund;
- Creating certain exceptions for surface water discharges;
- Making an appropriation;
- Declaring an emergency.

This appears to be a bill cleaning up language from “regulation” to “rule” in many places, tidying up grammar, adding and reorganizing definitions, and adding and clarifying roles and activities of commission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None expected for NMT/ NMBGMR. This bill sets up a fund at NMED to address neglected and contaminated sites.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None expected for NMT/ NMBGMR

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The existing statute lists NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources at NMT as a constituent agency, page 4 line 16. The NMBGMR has been included as a constituent agency since the law

was first passed. In this role, the commission can assign or request support on aspects described in statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There have previously been no significant administrative impacts for NMT/NMBGMR as a constituent agency. As a research and service division of NMT, NMBGMR has provided service and science to the state related to natural resources for decades.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

This bill enacts changes that additional protections of natural resources and water as regulated by WQCC and NMED, primarily.

AMENDMENTS

None