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**NMDOT BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Original  Amendment   
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**Date Prepared:** 2/19/2025

**Bill No.** SJM 2

**Sponsor:** Pete Campos

**Agency/ Code:** NMDOT - 805 – Office of General Counsel

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Not applicable.

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Senate Joint Memorial 2 (SJM 2) requests the Governor to appoint an executive-wide frontier areas task force (FATF) to study the needs of frontier areas of the state. Frontier areas are defined as unincorporated areas of a county that are sparsely populated and isolated from larger population centers and services and includes rural communities.

SJM 2 requests that the FATF include the Department of Finance and Administration (Local Government Division and Infrastructure Planning and Development Division), Department of Environment, Office of the State Engineer, Department of Health, Economic Development, Department, Department of Information Technology, Indian Affairs Department, Department of Transportation, Acequia Commission, community representatives from frontier areas, representatives of councils of state government, and any other state agencies and service providers the Governor deems necessary.

SJM 2 requests the FATF to study the needs of frontier areas, including determination of government services and infrastructure needs of frontier areas, reviews of statutes and rules that apply to frontier areas, and statutes and rules that can be amended, repealed or enacted to assist frontier areas with services and infrastructure. SJM 2 calls for methodologies for strengthening frontier areas with financial investment and to study potential incentives for community-operated infrastructure networks.

The FATF is also requested to provide periodic reports to legislative interim committees on rural economic development and other rural concerns. A final report to the Governor and the Legislature, with findings and recommendations, is due by November 1, 2025.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

If the Governor obliges the request of SJM 2, NMDOT may be asked to have a representative sit on the FATF. NMDOT is familiar with having representatives on a variety of state task forces, commissions and boards, and this would be a minimal impact to NMDOT.

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

None.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

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

NMDOT will continue to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for the travelling public, while promoting economic development and preserving the environment of New Mexico.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

None.