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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS**

**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Check all that apply:*

Original  Amendment \_\_\_\_\_  
Correction  Substitute

Date 1/24/26  
Bill No: SB 44

Sponsor: Craig Brandt  
Short Title: NM Tech Board Monitoring Equipment

Agency Name and Code: EMNRD 521  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: *HB 48 NM Tech Seismology Equipment*  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Synopsis:**

SB 44 appropriates \$2 million to NM Tech's Bureau of Geology for seismology equipment and to expand monitoring network capabilities.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for EMNRD

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) within the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department (EMNRD) is not directly involved in the Bureau of Geology's (Bureau) work related to seismology.

However, OCD communicates with the Bureau's seismology group when there is activity due to induced seismicity related to water injection. During seismic activity, the Bureau's network helps OCD pinpoint the exact locations of the seismic epicenter. This is especially useful because the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) often produces incorrect data in this area.

The Bureau's work in seismic data reporting has helped OCD implement the seismic response protocols.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

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

Companion bill with HB 44 NM Tech Seismology Equipment.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

SB 44 references partnership between the Bureau and OCD in the context of the expansion of monitoring network capabilities, but does not provide information on whether OCD might be impacted by these funds or any resulting work.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

NM Tech's Bureau of Geology will not be appropriated \$2 million for seismology equipment and to expand monitoring network capabilities.

## **AMENDMENTS**