

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1821</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>PCS</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6675</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 1821 creates the Oil and Gas Exploration Rights Act of 2011. The measure stipulates that a wind or solar energy agreement may not diminish, repeal, or interfere with exploration rights, unless written consent has been given by the owner of the exploration rights. The procedures for filing the written consent documents are outlined in the bill. The rights derived from wind or solar energy agreements are subordinate to exploration rights, unless otherwise outlined in the written consent document. HB 1821 also prohibits the taking of exploration rights through eminent domain proceedings, unless specifically permitted by law. The rights granted under this Act are intended to be cumulative.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1821 creates the Oil and Gas Exploration Rights Act of 2011. Officials at the Corporation Commission state that the measure would have no fiscal impact.

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**Other Considerations**

None