

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2178</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6559</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Corporation Commission: \$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2178, as introduced, gives exclusive jurisdiction over oil and gas operations (including exploration, drilling, fracture stimulation, production, and plugging) to the Corporation Commission. Municipalities and other political subdivisions would be prohibited from banning any of these practices or regulating them in a way that is not consistent with Corporation Commission regulations. Municipalities would still be able to enact reasonable ordinances and rules pertaining to road use, traffic, noise, setback and fencing requirements for health and safety purposes.

HB 2178 repeals Section 137 of Title 52, which gives cities and towns the authority to prevent oil and gas drilling, and to regulate spacing units or production.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

After review of HB 2178 and consultation with the Corporation Commission, HB 2178 is found to have no fiscal impact to the state or its agencies.

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**Other Considerations**

None.