Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1202 provides that a shut-in well exempted from plugging by the Corporation Commission shall only be exempt for a period of up to 5 years. The measure requires operators of such wells to report the date of shut-in to the Commission within 5 business days. The measure defines a shut-in well as a well capable of production or injection but is not currently producing. The measure also provides that in the event royalties are not paid to the surface owner of a shut-in well within 1 year, the Commission shall deem the well abandoned and no longer exempt from Commission plugging.

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