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Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 2036 modify the circumstances for property owners to be reimbursed during eminent domain proceedings for railroads and oil and gas pipelines. Property owners are eligible for attorney, appraisal, and engineering fee reimbursement if:

- The property owner—or both the property owner and the condemning authority requests a jury trial and the jury's award is at least 10 percent more than the greater of the commissioners' award or the condemning authority's last offer;
- Only the condemning authority requests a jury trial and the jury's award is at least 90 percent of the greater of the commissioners' award or the condemning authority's last offer; or
- The property cannot be acquired through condemnation because the requesting party abandons the proceeding.

A written compensation offer is considered timely if it is made within 75 days of the commissioners' report being filed.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB2036 modifies provisions related to eminent domain proceedings. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

The SAHB does not change the fiscal impact of the measure as described above.

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Other Considerations

None.

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