BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The Floor substitute for SB 132 requires idle gas wells to be plugged if they have not produced gas within the last 10 years. However, the Corporation Commission may grant exemptions to well operators in certain circumstances.

The measure also requires an operator with wells that are not producing gas as of the effective date of this act to either plug or produce from the well within 10 years of the act's effective date.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE SUB AND THE FLOOR SUB

The Floor substitute removes the timeline under which an operator must reduce their number of idle wells.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to SB 132 authorizes the Corporation Commission to promulgate rules for the plugging of all wells subject to their jurisdiction as well as defines and establishes operator guidelines regarding certain idle gas wells. The Corporation Commission believes any rule-making costs can be absorbed by current agency resources; therefore, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

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