

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB132
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Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation for SB 132 establishes requirements for idle gas wells, which are defined in the measure. Any newly-idled wells are prohibited from being shut-in for more than 7 years. An operator with idle wells that were shut-in prior to the effective date of this Act must either plug or produce from them within 10 years. They must also reduce their number of pre-existing idle wells in the following manner:

- They must plug or produce from 25% of their idle wells by July 1, 2028;
- They must plug or produce from 50% of their idle wells by July 1, 2031; and
- All of their idle wells must be either plugged or producing by July 1, 2035.

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Fiscal Analysis

The policy recommendation to SB 132 re-classifies abandoned wells as idle wells and establishes operator guidelines regarding certain idle gas wells. The Corporation Commission estimates there to be a one-time fiscal impact of Forty Thousand Five Hundred and One Dollars (\$40,501) in order to promulgate rules regarding the provisions of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.