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Bill Analysis

SB 1474 directs the Corporation Commission to levy a \$25.00 fee per acre for any surface disturbance associated with oil and gas operations on agricultural land. The measure provides that no fee shall be assessed if the land is restored to agricultural use within 12 months. The measure also directs the Commission to levy a \$0.01 fee per barrel on any produced water generated in the state. The measure authorizes operators to deduct volumes of produced water that is recycled and reused for drilling or completion, volumes of restored water, or volumes of water disposed of in disposal wells that utilize advanced seismicity-reduction practices. Operators shall be eligible for 100% credit for associated fees if they implement best environmental practices that are certified by the Corporation Commission that include the criteria outlined in the measure. A 75% credit may be provided to operators that recycle more than 50% of the water used, invest in regional water hubs, or demonstrate annual reductions in disposal volume. The measure also creates the Water and Agricultural Protection Revolving Fund.

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