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Research Analysis

HB 4170 modifies the penalties for oilfield theft by providing that a theft which results in environmental damage to the real property and the direct costs of remediation exceed \$2,500 is to be considered a felony.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure modifies the crime of unlawfully taking certain oil or gas equipment to include pipes, fittings, and pumps. Any person violating the provisions of the measure shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by forfeiture of the instrumentality of the crime and by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$50,000, or by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections for a term between 1 to 10 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.