

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Esquivel, Frederick, Krieger, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Retroactively revives Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee and statutory provisions related to continuing education program for licensed water well constructors. Ratifies actions taken on or after January 7, 2014 and before effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of proper well construction and abandonment
- History of continuing education program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee (Committee) recommends to the Water Resources Commission (Commission) a process for reviewing and approving continuing education requirements for licensed water well constructors. The Committee and the statutory provisions directing the Commission to adopt rules to administer a continuing education program sunset on January 2, 2014. House Bill 4045 revives the Committee and the statutory provisions related to continuing education for well constructors.