

**HB 2711 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Imposes statewide moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until 2027. Defines "hydraulic fracturing" and excludes from definition any drilling required for natural gas storage wells, geothermal wells or coal bed methane extraction wells in existence as of effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*No fiscal impact, no revenue impact*

*House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 32; Nays, 26--Barreto, Bentz, Buehler, Esquivel, Hack, Hayden, Huffman, Johnson, Kennemer, Lewis, McKeown, McLane, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Parrish, Post, Reschke, Smith DB, Smith G, Sprenger, Stark, Vial, Whisnant, Wilson, Witt; Excused, 2--Boone, Heard*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Hydraulic fracturing is a drilling technique that forces a mixture of liquids and other material under high pressure through rock in order to create or expand fractures in the rock. The fractured rock can release crude oil, natural gas or geothermal energy that would not otherwise be accessible using conventional drilling techniques. Although the technology has existed since the 1960s, in recent years the use of hydraulic fracturing, in combination with advances in horizontal drilling, has led to a major increase in U.S. oil and natural gas production.

House Bill 2711A would impose a statewide moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until 2027.