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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 21, 2017
Subject: HB 2296 – Relating to processes affecting the physical condition of wells

HB 2296 increases the amount of surety bond or letter of credit required to be filed with the Water Resources Commission by licensed water well constructor from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The bill also increases the amount of surety bond or letter of credit required by non-licensed persons constructing a water well on property that they own from \$5,000 to \$10,000, increases the permit fee for those persons from \$25 to \$500, and removes the provision requiring a permit by those persons only when constructing, altering, or converting a well by means of a well drilling machine.

The additional revenue resultant from the fee increase to non-licensed landowners is anticipated to be \$28,500 in the 2017-19 biennium and \$38,000 in the 2019-21 biennium.

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move SB 2296-A to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____