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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Re: HB 2296 Relating to processes affecting the physical condition of wells

Senator Frederick: “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 constructors 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.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2296 be reported out do pass.”