

HB 2470 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Water Resources Commission to conduct technical review of each well log submitted to commission. Establishes that Commission may not enforce against well constructor any general or special standards related to construction, alteration, abandonment, or conversion of well after three years from date that well constructor submitted well log, unless Commission finds that well log contains material misrepresentation.

May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

No subsequent referral.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Makes technical specifications. Changes amount of fee to be submitted with report from \$225 to \$350. Directs Water Resources Commission to, no later than 120 days after submission of well log report, review well log for deficiencies and compliance and notify person, public agency, or licensee that review has been completed. Applies to well logs submitted on or after July 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Water Resources Commission is responsible for adopting and enforcing general rules and standards relating to the construction and maintenance of wells. A well log is a document that contains information about the well and the ground surrounding it, including a history of pump installation, ground water level and quality, and general maintenance. Well contractors file logs with the state upon completion of a new well and when maintenance or alterations to a well have occurred.

House Bill 2470 would require the Water Resources Commission to conduct a technical review of each well log submitted and prohibit the Commission from enforcing any standards against a well constructor more than three years following the date a well log was submitted unless the log contains a material misrepresentation..