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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 15, 2021

Subject: HB 2145 – Relating to the performance of work on wells
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2145 - A establishes the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund to provide financial assistance to permanently abandon water wells, or to repair and replace water wells used for household purposes.

This measure also outlines various requirements related to oversight and permitting of wells; and increases the fee for report forms submitted to the Water Resources Department when a well is constructed or modified from \$225 to \$350.

This measure also extends continuing education requirements for well contractors, and requires the Water Resources Department to report to the Legislature information on the agency's oversight of well drilling activities.

The LFO recommended amendment provides an increase to the Water Resources Department for the establishment of three positions to implement the provisions of the bill and a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for deposit in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund established in the bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A7 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2145, as amended by the -A7 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____