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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** June 10, 2025  
**Subject:** HB 2808 – Relating to fees concerning wells  
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2808 increases various fees administered by the Water Resources Department (WRD) related to well construction, alteration, abandonment, and conversion.

HB 2808 raises the start card fee for new well construction and modifications by 40%; increases the water well driller examination fee by 25% and the licensing fees by 10%, and raises the permit fee for landowners constructing wells on their property by 10%.

The Well Program has been operating at a deficit. While revenue projections do not indicate a shortfall during the 2025-27 biennium, this is due to depletion of an existing fund balance. These fee increases are anticipated to generate \$920,000 in Other Funds revenue during the 2025-27 biennium and avert the reduction of 6.00 FTE in the 2027-29 biennium.

### Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2808 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move HB 2808 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(vote)

## Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

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