
DIGEST

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HB No. 841

Abstract: Authorizes the executing of leases for the development and production of hydrokinetic energy on state lands.

Proposed law provides for legislative findings and authorizes the State Mineral and Energy Board to execute leases for the development and production of hydrokinetic energy on state lands, except state highway rights-of-way.

Proposed law provides that a lease shall be executed only to the holder of a hydropower license or an exemption from a hydropower license covering the location of such lease issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The execution of any such lease shall be conditioned on the maintenance of such license or exemption.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law including instituting reasonable fees.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 30:1001-1003)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Changed the grant of authority from "granting servitudes" to "executing leases".