## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

## HB 691 2025 Regular Session

Carrier

ENERGY: Establishes public safety and accountability procedures for carbon dioxide sequestration

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Removes time delay of 48 hours for reporting violations to emergency response teams, local law enforcement, local governing officials, and the general public.
2.	Removes criminal penalties and a provision requiring prosecution by a district attorney with criminal jurisdiction.
3.	Removes a provision barring prosecution if a person is under a compliance order or subject to an action for civil penalties for the same violation.

4. Makes technical changes.

## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> requires reporting by owners or operators of Class VI wells within 24 hours of the occurrence of:

- (1) Evidence that the injected carbon dioxide stream or pressure may endanger underground sources of drinking water.
- (2) Noncompliance with a permit condition, or malfunction of the injection system, which may cause fluid migration into or between underground sources of drinking water.
- (3) Failure to maintain mechanical integrity.

Proposed law retains present law but adds further requirements for reporting:

- (1) Any equipment malfunction that could lead to the release of stored carbon dioxide.
- (2) Any release of stored carbon dioxide.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that for any incident required to be reported within 24 hours, the report must include, at a minimum:

- (1) The precise location of the incident.
- (2) A description of the incident, including its cause, when possible.
- (3) Potential risks to public health, water sources, and land stability.
- (4) Immediate mitigation steps taken in response.
- (5) A timeline for corrective action.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that for any report required to be made within 24 hours, the operator also notify emergency response teams, local law enforcement, local governing officials, and the general public.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that a violation of these reporting requirements subjects the operator and owner to the civil penalties established under <u>present law</u> for violations of any carbon dioxide sequestration statutes.

(Amends R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C); Adds R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) - (F))