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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes expropriation authority for carbon dioxide pipelines and storage facilities, prohibits expropriation by private entities related to carbon dioxide transport and sequestration, and removes unitization authority for carbon dioxide storage facilities.

Present law authorizes the use of expropriation by companies that inject carbon dioxide for geologic sequestration.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the use of expropriation by pipeline companies that transport carbon dioxide for geologic storage.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the use of expropriation by pipeline companies that transport carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law further prohibits expropriation by private entities related to carbon dioxide sequestration and the transportation of carbon dioxide by pipeline.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to issue certificates of public convenience and necessity for carbon dioxide pipelines and carbon dioxide storage facilities.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law declares that it is in the public interest for a public purpose and the policy of the state that carbon dioxide is a valuable commodity to the citizens of the state.

Proposed law removes the present law declaration.

Present law provides that the state's primary responsibility related to the geologic storage of carbon dioxide is to assure compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the state's primary responsibilities also include

protecting the state's natural resources and safeguarding individual constitutional rights.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to order the unit operation of carbon dioxide storage facilities.

Proposed law removes the unitization authorized under present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(a), 1102(A), 1104(A)(1) and (C)(intro para), and 1107; Adds R.S. 19:2.3; Repeals R.S. 19:2(10) and (11) and R.S. 30:4(C)(17)(b), 1104.2, and 1108)