

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 180

2019 Regular Session

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**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

MINERALS. Provides relative to the recovery of certain monies expended from the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund. (8/1/19)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Requires the assistant secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to notify the Oilfield Site Restoration Commission upon the declaration of an emergency.
2. Requires the commission to hold a meeting within 90 days of the declaration.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

## DIGEST

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Present law allows the monies in the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund (fund) to be disbursed and expended pursuant to the authority and direction of the secretary or assistant secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for certain purposes and uses, including costs associated with response to an emergency.

Proposed law retains present law and requires approval by the Oilfield Site Restoration Commission for costs associated with response to any emergency unless directed by the commission not to expend monies in the fund pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires the DNR to seek recovery from the responsible party any monies disbursed and spent from the fund for an emergency within six months from the initial expenditure.

Proposed law requires the assistant secretary of DNR to notify the commission of an emergency. Further requires the commission to hold a meeting within 90 days after the emergency to approve the expenditure of certain monies.

Present law allows the secretary of the DNR to recover certain costs incurred by the secretary for the control, clean up, closure, or restoration of oilfield sites. Further provides a procedure for the recovery of costs.

Proposed law retains present law and includes costs for responding to an emergency at an oilfield site or other facility, structure, or pipeline under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of conservation to the costs the secretary may recover from the responsible party.

Present law provides certain balance requirements in the fund. When the balance in the fund equals or exceeds \$14 million dollars, the oilfield site restoration fees on oil and gas will not be collected or required to be paid by the responsible party. When the balance in the fund has fallen below \$10 million dollars, the fees will be collected or required to be paid by the responsible party. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 30:86(E)(2) and (5) and 93(A)(intro para); adds R.S. 30:86(G) and 93(A)(4))