The original instrument was prepared by Martha Hess. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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<u>Present law</u> establishes the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund used for oilfield site restoration or assessment conducted by the Dept. of Natural Resources for administration of the oilfield site restoration program. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the state treasurer to transfer \$30 million from the first funds received by the state from the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 into the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund and monies from federal appropriations or any federal grant program established by the U.S. Congress for the purpose of restoring orphan oilfield sites.

<u>Proposed law</u> limits the use of these monies to the purposes of assessing and restoring orphan oilfield sites. Provides that an amount not exceeding 5% for administration. Provides monies shall be expended only through contracts entered through the competitive process set by present law.

<u>Present law</u> caps the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund at \$14 million but excludes from the calculation of that cap site-specific trust accounts, financial security instruments not tied to a specific well or wells, and sums generated from bonds. <u>Proposed law</u> adds \$30 million of the monies deposited to the fund from the state's allocation from the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021, any sums deposited from federal appropriations or any grant program established by the U.S. Congress for the purpose of restoring orphan oilfield sites to the list of funds not used to calculate the cap of the Fund.

<u>Proposed law provides</u> that the legislature finds that the oil and gas industry was negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the related decrease in demand for oil and gas and that the funding of oilfield site restoration will create work for impacted workers.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if it is determined that assessing and restoring orphan oilfield sites is not an allowable use of American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 funds, any monies transferred to the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund shall revert to the state treasury to be used for other qualifying purposes under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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

(Amends R.S. 30:86(A), (C), and (E)(intro para); adds R.S. 30:86(D)(9) and (10) and (E)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Clarifies the funds to be transferred to the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund.
- 2. Clarifies how funds can be expended.
- 3. Provides for legislative findings.
- 4. Makes technical changes.