

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 79

2026 Regular Session

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CIVIL/LAW: Removes damage threshold for carbon capture release

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Retains proposed law that removes the damage cap as a result of carbon capture release and storage.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for civil liability actions against owners and operators of carbon dioxide storage facilities and carbon dioxide transmission pipelines and generators of the carbon dioxide being transported or stored by a facility or pipeline with the general limit on compensatory damages for noneconomic losses at \$250,000 per person and the limit for exceptional cases at \$500,000 per person.

Present law also provides the maximum amount recoverable for noneconomic losses at \$1 million per person in the event the liability limits under present law are found to be unconstitutional.

Proposed law removes the present law limitation of liability on any damages resulting from carbon capture and storage.

(Amends R.S. 30:1109(B)-(F); Repeals R.S. 30:1109(G))