

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB575** by Armbrister (Relating to notice to a surface owner by an oil or gas well operator of certain oil and gas operations. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require an oil and gas developer of a new oil or gas well or of a reentry to a plugged or abandoned notice to provide written notice to each surface owner within three days of receiving a permit from the Railroad Commission.

Assuming the Railroad Commission would not be required to verify and monitor all notices provided by oil and gas developers to surface owners, the bill is not expected to result in a significant workload increase at the agency.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 455 Railroad Commission

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