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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB3346 by Farabee (Relating to the definition of a gas utility.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add language to the definition of a gas utility by including as an exercise of eminent domain the representation to a property owner that the person has the right to acquire pipeline right-of-way by the use of eminent domain. The bill would also clarify that a gas utility is an entity under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission that is engaged in the business of transporting or distributing gas.

The bill is not expected to result in significant costs to the Railroad Commission.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission

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