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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: SB540 by Estes (Relating to the notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a disposal well.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would increase the application requirements and the amount of time required for the Railroad Commission (RRC) to process an application for a commercial disposal well. It would require that the RRC provide a copy of such applications to the groundwater conservation district in the area where the well is to be located. The bill would provide that the RRC wait 30 days before issuing such permits, instead of 15 days under current law. The additional waiting time is not expected to result in a significant fiscal impact to the Railroad Commission.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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