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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY:

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Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article VI of the bill following the appropriations to the Railroad Commission of Texas by adding the following appropriately numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

_____. Study on Adequacy of Revenue Sources Available to the Railroad Commission of Texas. The Legislative Budget Board alongside the Railroad Commission of Texas, using funds appropriated by this Act, shall, not later than September 1, 2018, conduct a study regarding the ability of the commission to fund its operations using fees, bonding, and penalties and shall report the study's findings to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the commission. The study shall include:

- (1) an identification and evaluation of the fees charged by the commission;
- (2) an identification and evaluation of the individual and blanket bonding requirements for operators of wells;
- (3) an identification and evaluation of the administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted by, or licenses, permits, or certificates issued by the commission;
- (4) an identification and evaluation of the costs to the commission associated with the administration of permits and other programs for which the commission charges fees or imposes bonding requirements or for the violation of which the commission imposes penalties;
- (5) recommendations for any appropriate changes to the fee, bonding, and penalty structure of the commission so that fees

charged by the commission, bonding required by the commission, and penalties imposed by the commission are sufficient to fund the administration of the program the fees, bonds, and penalties are associated with; and

(6) an evaluation of the effects of any changes recommended under Subdivision (5) of this section on the budget of the commission.