

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1481
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Energy Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that it would be beneficial to abolish the fee for processing applications for a terminal facility discharge prevention and response certificate as the fee does not represent the applicable administrative costs and the abolishment would reduce paperwork and expenses. H.B. 1481 seeks to abolish the fee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1481 repeals Section 40.110(e), Natural Resources Code, which requires the commissioner of the General Land Office by rule to establish and require payment of a reasonable fee for processing applications for a terminal facility discharge prevention and response certificate, and amends the Natural Resources Code to make a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.