

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB586

House of Origin ___ Introduced X Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Puckett

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Gas and Oil Act; notification of interested parties.

5. Summary: This bill requires the Gas and Oil Board to publish hearing agendas on permits for gas or oil operations in local newspapers of general circulation within 10 days of the hearing. Currently, the Board provides this public notice within 20 days of the hearing. Also, this bill changes the time allotted for applicants to provide notice from within one day, to within seven days of the day on which the application for a permit is filed. Interested parties are still notified by certified mail as a condition of the application process. However, interested parties that cannot be identified or located after reasonable effort may now be notified by publication in a newspaper widely circulated in the locality where the well is proposed to be located.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill changes the time requirement and method by which the Gas and Oil Board is required to publish hearing agendas on permits for gas or oil operations. The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (the agency that oversees the operations of the Gas and Oil Board) does not anticipate any significant fiscal impact as a result of this bill and projects that any fiscal impact can be absorbed within current resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Finance