

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1072

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Mining; ownership of underground void.

5. Summary: This bill broadens the existing statutory provision for ownership of the space opened underground by the removal of minerals and coal. The ownership of the space would, unless expressly reserved by the landowner, run with the mineral estate whether such estate is owned or leased. Currently, the presumption lies only with regards to mineral estates owned after 1981. The provision has no effect on the determination of ownership rights in coalbed methane.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy states that any fiscal impact resulting from this bill can be absorbed with existing 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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