HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 691 2025 Regular Session Carrier

ENERGY: Establishes public safety and accountability procedures for carbon dioxide sequestration

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- 1. Removes time delay of 48 hours for reporting violations to emergency response teams, local law enforcement, local governing officials, and the general public.
- 2. Removes criminal penalties and a provision requiring prosecution by a district attorney with criminal jurisdiction.
- 3. Removes a provision barring prosecution if a person is under a compliance order or subject to an action for civil penalties for the same violation.
- 4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> requires reporting by owners or operators of Class VI wells within 24 hours of the occurrence of:

- (1) Evidence that the injected carbon dioxide stream or pressure may endanger underground sources of drinking water.
- (2) Noncompliance with a permit condition, or malfunction of the injection system, which may cause fluid migration into or between underground sources of drinking water.
- (3) Failure to maintain mechanical integrity.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but adds further requirements for reporting:

- (1) Any equipment malfunction that could lead to the release of stored carbon dioxide.
- (2) Any release of stored carbon dioxide.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that for any incident required to be reported within 24 hours, the report must include, at a minimum:

- (1) The precise location of the incident.
- (2) A description of the incident, including its cause, when possible.
- (3) Potential risks to public health, water sources, and land stability.
- (4) Immediate mitigation steps taken in response.
- (5) A timeline for corrective action.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that for any report required to be made within 24 hours, the operator also notify emergency response teams, local law enforcement, local governing officials, and the general public.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds that a violation of these reporting requirements subjects the operator and owner to the civil penalties established under <u>present law</u> for violations of any carbon dioxide sequestration statutes.

(Amends R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C); Adds R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) - (F))