

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

March 7, 2019

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-181 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 15, line 5, strike "(2)(d)" and substitute "(2)(d);
2 and **add (3)**".

3 Page 15, line 6, strike "**duties.**" and substitute "**duties - repeal.**".

4 Page 15, after line 12 insert:

5 "(3) (a) THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A
6 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1, 2021, REGARDING
7 ANY RECOMMENDED STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION,
8 INCLUDING MAKING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP A FULL-TIME PAID POSITION
9 AND EVALUATING THE USE OF ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
10 AND HEARING OFFICERS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO DEVOTE MORE OF
11 ITS TIME AND EFFORTS TO SETTING POLICY AND PROMULGATING RULES.

12 (b) THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
13 INFORMATION:

14 (I) A SUMMARY OF ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION LEARNED FROM
15 A REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF OTHER STATES' PROFESSIONAL AND
16 NONPROFESSIONAL OIL AND GAS COMMISSIONS; AND

17 (II) AN ANALYSIS AS TO WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE
18 COMMISSION HAS ADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE IN THE AREAS OF OIL
19 AND GAS MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING GEOLOGISTS,
20 PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS, AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERS.

21 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,

1 2022."

2 Page 17, line 24, strike "LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 2019" and substitute
3 "SENATE BILL 19-181, ENACTED IN 2019,".

4 Page 18, line 2, strike "REQUIRE" and substitute "REQUIRES".

5 Page 18, line 3, after the period add "WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f)(III)(A), THE DIRECTOR SHALL
7 PUBLISH SPECIFIC CRITERIA CONCERNING PERMIT REVIEWS PURSUANT TO
8 THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f)(III)(A).".

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