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Committee Substitute (CS)

The CS for SB 702 establishes a moratorium on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oklahoma Water Resources Board, and Oklahoma Department of Mines permitting of any discharge from a non-exempt mine to streams fed or supported by water emanating from sensitive sole source groundwater basins or subbasins, excepting cases wherein the DEQ issues a permit to correct compliance issues. The moratorium shall remain in effect until the DEQ promulgates final rules to provide for effective interagency consultation and coordination of activities related to the regulation of mines. Nonexempt mines are defined in the measure as mines that overlie a sensitive sole source groundwater basin or subbasin and have not engaged in the permitted extraction of resources.

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