

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2624 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Kenton Patzkowsky _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2624

By: Patzkowsky

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to waters and water rights; requiring
9 Oklahoma Water Resources Board make determination
10 before allowing certain permits; requiring permit
11 applicants to furnish certain information; requiring
12 permit applicants to furnish certain information upon
13 request; providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.24 of Title 82, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Prior to approving a permit to use fresh groundwater for the
20 enhanced recovery of oil and gas, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
21 shall determine that the applicant has reviewed all other
22 economically viable alternatives to the use of fresh groundwater.

23 B. To aid the Board in making its determinations, applicants
24 filing for the use of fresh groundwater for enhanced recovery of oil

1 and gas, in addition to all other requirements, shall furnish the
2 following as part of and at the time of filing the application:

3 1. A copy of the easements or leases from the surface right
4 owners giving the applicant the right to develop and use the fresh
5 groundwater for the recovery process;

6 2. An estimated schedule of use showing the amount of fresh
7 groundwater used each year in the recovery process;

8 3. An economic study containing the following information:

- 9 a. a detailed analysis of the relative cost of obtaining
10 saltwater and any other feasible alternative versus
11 the relative cost of obtaining fresh groundwater,
12 b. total project costs, the amount of oil and gas
13 expected to be recovered, and the value expected to be
14 realized,
15 c. the estimated value of fresh groundwater with
16 consideration given for other purposes or uses of
17 fresh groundwater common to the area or vicinity near
18 the subject property of the application, as measured
19 against the overall estimated value of the oil or gas
20 to be recovered,
21 d. the additional expense per barrel recovered if the
22 applicant is required to use or treat saltwater
23 instead of fresh groundwater in the recovery process,
24 and

1 e. an evaluation of other recovery methods or
2 alternatives considered and why recovery requiring the
3 use of fresh groundwater was deemed to be necessary or
4 the most feasible;

5 4. An inventory of all wells, fresh groundwater, saltwater,
6 oil, gas, disposal, injection, both active and abandoned, within the
7 boundaries of the proposed unitization and within two (2) miles of
8 the outside boundaries of the proposed unitization;

9 5. The permeability, thickness, and estimated porosity of the
10 injection zone; and

11 6. Information about reuse and recycling the fresh groundwater.

12 C. The applicant may also be required to furnish other relevant
13 material upon request which may include the following:

14 1. A copy of the unitization plan on file with the Corporation
15 Commission;

16 2. A copy of each injection well application and the approval
17 of such application by the Corporation Commission;

18 3. A copy of all logs of each injection well showing the name
19 of each zone containing saltwater; and

20 4. The name and chemical composition of any material or
21 substance, other than fresh groundwater, proposed to be injected
22 underground in connection with the proposed enhanced recovery
23 operation.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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