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BILL NUMBER: sSB 287
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AMENDMENTS: Senate "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING AQUIFER MAPPING AND LANDOWNER LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN POLLUTION"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Energy and Public Utilities, Environment, Finance, Revenue and Bonding

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92 for aquifer provisions, upon passage for liability provisions

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 287

STATE IMPACT	Potential Significant Cost (Bond Funds, Emergency Spill Response Fund), see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Savings, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Environmental Protection, Attorney General, Judicial

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Extending deadlines to water companies for mapping and delaying Department of Environmental Protection duties, will allow additional time for the task and has no fiscal impact. Limiting landowner liability for clean up of polluted properties could significantly increase state costs for clean up. Clean-up costs range from \$5 million to \$20 million dollars per site and the number of sites which would meet the criteria of the bill cannot be determined. The bill as amended, also increases those potentially liable by including former land owners. This could, to some extent, reduce the impact of the overall bill. The exact impact is not known. In addition, allowing for cost recovery would decrease the net impact of the bill. The state uses Bond funds and the Emergency Spill Response Fund for clean-up activities. In addition, if a municipal property were to meet the criteria there would be a savings to municipalities for clean-up costs. The number, if any, of properties which would meet this criteria is unknown.

It is anticipated that there would be no net change to the Office of the Attorney General's workload due to the passage of this bill as amended.

Senate "A" deals with landowner liability and former landowner liability and to some extent could reduce the state's liability.

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