

CHEMIGATION SAFETY ACT

HB3022

Approved Carl Dean Holmer 4-5-88
Date

MINUTES OF THE House Sub COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Holmes at
Chairperson

10:00 a.m./p.m. on February 22, 19 88 in room East Wing of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

- Raney Gilliland, Research Dept.
- Laura Howard, Research Dept.
- Theresa Kiernan, Revisor's Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chairman Holmes asked the subcommittee to submit recommendations on the Chemigation Safety Act to present to the full committee.

Areas covered were adding a training section, violations and penalties, fees per well, and testing of chemigation wells every three years. Other areas discussed were pesticide statutes and their violation fees. It was suggested making the chemigation law consistent with water pollution laws. Notarization on permits was also discussed. Clarification on the water use report by asking "if you are using chemigation, pesticides and fertilizer" in the water. Changing the statute to make clear who is responsible. Statutes 3308 A & B were discussed.

Recommendations were:

1. Put training section back into the act.
2. Fee permit to be \$50, plus \$20 per well.
3. Penalty fees, Class A misdemeanor, \$10,000 per day. (Law now reads \$500 regardless of the number of violations).
4. Chemigation equipment tested every three years.
5. Consultants should be licensed.

Meeting adjourned