

PRISON/JAIL POPULATION COST ESTIMATE STATEMENT
NINETY-FIRST SESSION
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SENATE BILL NO. 146

AN ACT TO IMPOSE A FEE ON CERTAIN PIPELINES CARRYING CRUDE OIL AND TO
CREATE A CRUDE OIL PIPELINE COMPENSATION FUND THAT MAY BE USED IN
THE EVENT OF A CRUDE OIL SPILL.

A prison or jail impact statement has been requested for Senate Bill 146 because of the provisions in the bill that add a penalty for making a fraudulent return, failure to pay a fee, failure to keep requisite records, failure to file a return, or engaging in the crude oil business without a license.

This bill creates a new criminal penalty, and therefore no direct information is available. However, to determine the possible prison or jail impact, the LRC examined sections of the code with similar application and penalty, such as §10-33A-17, §34A-13-20, and §34A-13-20. Of those three, there were no arrests or convictions in the last six years. Furthermore, due to the nature of the bill, the pool of possible offenders is very small. Therefore, it is the opinion of the LRC that there will be few, if any, convictions, with no jail or prison time served.

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