DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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This amendment draft, among other things, amends the definition of the term "well" in s. 280.01 (6), stats., so that a well includes a heat exchange drillhole. Under s. 59.70 (6) in current law, a county may enact a well construction ordinance. Please note that the inclusion of a heat exchange drillhole in the definition of the term "well" in ch. 280 means that, under this draft, if a county enacts a well construction ordinance under s. 59.70 (6), such an ordinance would cover the construction of a heat exchange drillhole. Is this consistent with your intent?

Please also review ss. 443.14 (12m) and 470.025 (9) in current law to ensure that the cross–references in those provisions to the definition of "well drilling," as amended in this draft, are consistent with your intent.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with regard to this amendment draft.

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