

HB 2889 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/15, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates a nine-member Task Force on Secure Pipelines (Task Force) to study and report on certain issues, including but not limited to: state and federal safety standards for pipelines; new technologies to provide for pipeline safety; degree to which technologies will mitigate potential dangers; costs associated with new technologies; potential mandates to use new technology; and possible incentives or mandates for the use of these technologies. Requires Task Force to report its findings to the legislature no later than September 15, 2018. Prescribes one member to be appointed by the President of the Senate, one member by the Speaker of the House, and the remaining members by the Governor. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure, with exception of December 31, 2018 sunset and declaring an emergency, effective on passage. Establishes the 17-member Task Force on Secure Pipelines and Associated Storage Units and Terminals (Task Force). Stipulates State Resilience Officer and the State Fire Marshal, or their designee must be members of the Task Force. Requires Senate President and Speaker of the House to each appoint one member and stipulates the remaining members be appointed by the Governor to represent certain groups. Requires Oregon Military Department to provide staff support to the Task Force.

Requires Task Force to Study and report on: relevant state and federal safety standards for pipelines; technologies and processes, how they could be used to mitigate potential dangers posed by natural catastrophes, costs incurred and incentives associated with using technologies and processes, and mandates that may impose requirements to use technology and processes; and recommendations related to conducting seismic vulnerability assessments, developing and implementing mitigation plans, designating an oversight authority in the event of natural catastrophe, and creating a culture of preparedness. Requires Task Force to report its findings to interim legislative committee related to emergency preparedness no later than September 15, 2018.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

Both federal and state agencies are responsible for regulating pipelines. In Oregon, the Public Utility Commission's Safety, Reliability, and Security Division has regulatory oversight for intrastate pipelines.

House Bill 2889 would create the Task Force on Secure Pipelines (Task Force) to study pipeline safety and new technologies to enhance pipelines safety. The Task Force must report its findings to the legislature no later than September 15, 2018.