

HB 2889 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 04/03/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Barnhart, Bentz, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Reschke, Smith DB

Exc: 2 - Boone, Power

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the 17-member Task Force on Secure Pipelines and Associated Storage Units and Terminals (Task Force). Stipulates State Resilience Officer and State Fire Marshal, or their designees must be members. 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.

Requires Task Force to study: relevant state and federal safety standards for pipelines; technologies and processes that could mitigate potential dangers posed by natural catastrophes, and the costs, incentives and mandates associated with their use; 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 to interim legislative committee related to emergency preparedness by September 15, 2018. Sunsets Task Force on December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Task Force on Secure Pipelines and Associated Storage Units and Terminals would be a tool to bring people together
- Resources vulnerable to seismic events
- Available technologies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure except for sunset date and emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

The United States energy transportation network consists of over 2.5 million miles of pipelines. Pipelines in Oregon may include transmission lines carrying energy products long distances, including distribution lines delivering natural gas to businesses and households. 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 2889A creates the Task Force on Secure Pipelines and Associated Storage Units and Terminals and requires it to report findings to the legislature no later than September 15, 2018.