

Requested by Senator DEMBROW

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 392**

1 Delete lines 4 through 12 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality, in**
3 **consultation with the Public Utilities Commission and the State De-**
4 **partment of Energy, shall study fugitive methane emissions associated**
5 **with the production, storage, transportation and delivery of natural**
6 **gas consumed in or transported through Oregon.**

7 **“(2) The study conducted under this section must:**

8 **“(a) Assess the degree of fugitive emissions present in Oregon’s**
9 **natural gas delivery system;**

10 **“(b) Survey and describe the production of natural gas that is con-**
11 **sumed in Oregon and industry measures and best practices to reduce**
12 **fugitive emissions;**

13 **“(c) Describe the characteristics of the regional systems that supply**
14 **and deliver natural gas to Oregon and compare those systems with the**
15 **systems of other states and regions;**

16 **“(d) Identify areas where fugitive emissions can be reduced; and**

17 **“(e) Develop and include definitions for ‘fugitive emissions,’**
18 **‘anthropogenic methane’ and ‘biogenic methane.’**

19 **“(3) In conducting the study the Department of Environmental**
20 **Quality shall consider:**

21 **“(a) Currently available national data on fugitive emissions, in-**

1 cluding data from the United States Environmental Protection
2 Agency.

3 “(b) Regional characteristics of natural gas delivery systems, in-
4 cluding pipeline type and age.

5 “(c) Existing programs to reduce fugitive emissions.

6 “(d) The emission factors used in the Environmental Protection
7 Agency’s Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks and
8 Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program.

9 “(e) The supply chain of natural gas consumed in Oregon, includ-
10 ing:

11 “(A) Procurement pathways for utilities in Oregon, including:

12 “(i) Regulations related to fugitive emissions in the regions that
13 produce and supply Oregon’s natural gas; and

14 “(ii) Utility-specific procurement standards related to fugitive
15 emissions, including standards at the source of generation and
16 through pipeline infrastructure.

17 “(B) The lifecycle emissions of natural gas delivered to Oregon,
18 using resources derived from regional government and federal regula-
19 tory bodies that provide protocols for measuring fugitive emissions
20 and regional analyses.

21 “(f) National industrial and public policy trends.

22 “(g) Fugitive emissions associated with renewable natural gas, in-
23 cluding renewable natural gas feedstocks.

24 “SECTION 2. No later than November 15, 2022, the Department of
25 Environmental Quality shall provide the results of the study con-
26 ducted under section 1 of this 2021 Act and recommendations for leg-
27 islation to protect and minimize the adverse impacts of fugitive
28 methane emissions on public health, safety and welfare and the envi-
29 ronment in a report to the interim committees of the Legislative As-
30 sembly related to the environment in the manner provided under ORS

1 **192.245.**

2 **“SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2,**
3 **2023.**

4 **“SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
5 **date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative**
6 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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