

House Bill 2889

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Secure Pipelines. Directs task force to study matters related to safe transportation of petroleum, natural gas and other flammable substances through pipelines. Directs task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to emergency preparedness no later than September 15, 2018.

Sunsets December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to pipeline security; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Secure Pipelines is established, consisting of nine**
5 **members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

11 (A) **Two members from the Office of Emergency Management;**

12 (B) **One member from the Department of Transportation who is knowledgeable about the**
13 **department's functions, duties and powers with respect to the laying of pipelines along public**
14 **roads;**

15 (C) **One member from the State Department of Energy who is knowledgeable about the**
16 **petroleum industry;**

17 (D) **One member from the Public Utility Commission who is knowledgeable about the**
18 **natural gas industry;**

19 (E) **One member who represents petroleum suppliers who is knowledgeable about the**
20 **Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty and Job Creation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-90); and**

21 (F) **One member who represents the natural gas industry who is knowledgeable about the**
22 **Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty and Job Creation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-90).**

23 (2) **The task force shall study and make a report on:**

24 (a) **State and federal safety standards for pipelines and associated facilities;**

25 (b) **New technologies, including self-sealing overcoating, that provide for the safe trans-**
26 **portation of petroleum, natural gas and other flammable substances through pipelines;**

27 (c) **The degree to which those technologies will mitigate potential dangers to pipelines**
28 **and associated facilities posed by seismic activity and other natural catastrophes;**

29 (d) **The costs associated with using those technologies when constructing new pipelines**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 and associated facilities;

2 (e) The costs that would be incurred by using those technologies to retrofit existing
3 pipelines and associated facilities;

4 (f) Mandates that may be imposed to require using those technologies to construct or
5 retrofit intrastate pipelines and associated facilities;

6 (g) Incentives that may be used to encourage using those technologies to construct or
7 retrofit interstate and intrastate pipelines and associated facilities;

8 (h) The certification and agreement processes available under the Pipeline Safety, Regu-
9 latory Certainty and Job Creation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-90) in imposing mandates described
10 in paragraph (f) of this subsection; and

11 (i) The likelihood that the incentives described in paragraph (g) of this subsection would
12 encourage the construction or retrofitting of interstate or intrastate pipelines and associated
13 facilities.

14 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
15 of business.

16 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
17 of the task force.

18 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

19 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
20 ment to become immediately effective.

21 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
22 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

23 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

24 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
25 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-
26 bly related to emergency preparedness as appropriate no later than September 15, 2018.

27 (10) The Oregon Military Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

28 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
29 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
30 force.

31 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
32 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
33 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
34 consider necessary to perform their duties.

35 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

36 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.

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