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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 549** HLS 21RS 880

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Reporting Hazardous Materials Under the Right-to-Know Law		

ENVIRONMENT/HAZ MATERIAL

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Modifies definitions relative to hazardous materials reporting under the Right-to-Know Law

In present law, the Right-To-Know Law provides for the reporting of unauthorized releases from natural gas pipelines and establishes a reportable quantity of 1,000 pounds. Proposed law provides that natural gas pipelines: (1) are to be considered "facilities" under the Right-To-Know law and subject to the reporting requirements under the Right-to-Know Law; and (2) are not to be treated as "transport vehicles" or subject to reporting requirements under the laws regarding hazardous materials transportation and motor carrier safety. Proposed law changes the definition of "owner or operator" with the existing definition of "facility" as well as makes "facility" inclusive of pipelines, by referring to hazardous materials "in" a facility rather than "at" a facility.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed law changes definitions regarding natural gas pipelines under the existing Right-To-Know law on hazardous materials information. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports that pipeline companies are already reporting the correct way. To the extent that this measure increases reporting, the department reports that it can handle any workload increases with existing staff and resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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