

# House Bill 3410

Sponsored by Representative HELM

## 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, 2016.

Sunsets December 31, 2016.

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; 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.**

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 using those technologies to retrofit existing pipe-  
3 lines and associated facilities;

4 (f) Incentives that may be used to encourage using those technologies to construct or  
5 retrofit pipelines and associated facilities; and

6 (g) The likelihood that those incentives would encourage using those technologies to  
7 construct or retrofit pipelines and associated facilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may  
19 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-  
20 bly related to emergency preparedness as appropriate no later than September 15, 2016.

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

22 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
23 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
24 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
25 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
26 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Military Department  
27 for purposes of the task force.

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

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
35 on its passage.

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