

SB 392 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to study fugitive emissions from natural gas production and transportation and provide results of study and recommendations for legislation in report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Some natural gas leaks into the atmosphere from oil and natural gas wells, storage tanks, pipelines, and processing plants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that in 2018, methane emissions from natural gas and petroleum systems and from abandoned oil and natural gas wells were the source of about 29% of total U.S. methane emissions and about 3% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

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