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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: SB 833

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SUMMARY

Authorizes Public Utility Commission to initiate proceeding to increase certainty concerning cost recovery for actions taken by natural gas utilities to reduce hazardous leaks and nonhazardous fugitive emissions from natural gas utility's gas pipeline system in this state. Authorizes natural gas utility to file for cost recovery for such actions.

Requires natural gas utility to annually report to Public Utility Commission on environmental and economic performance of natural gas utility's gas pipeline system in this state. Requires commission to annually publish report, in aggregated form for all natural gas utilities, on known leaks from natural gas pipeline systems in this state.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure proprietary information, trade secrets and information that would affect public safety that is received by the Public Utility Commission from a natural gas utility in its annual report on the environmental and economic performance of the natural gas utility's gas pipeline system in Oregon.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive proprietary information, trade secrets and information that would affect public safety regarding natural gas pipelines in Oregon.