

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 392

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 Delete lines 4 through 12 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with the**
3 **Public Utility Commission and the State Department of Energy, shall study fugitive methane**
4 **emissions associated with the production, storage, transportation and delivery of natural gas**
5 **consumed in or transported through Oregon.**

6 **“(2) The study conducted under this section must:**

7 **“(a) Assess the degree of fugitive emissions present in Oregon’s natural gas delivery**
8 **system;**

9 **“(b) Survey and describe the production of natural gas that is consumed in Oregon and**
10 **industry measures and best practices to reduce fugitive emissions;**

11 **“(c) Describe the characteristics of the regional systems that supply and deliver natural**
12 **gas to Oregon and compare those systems with the systems of other states and regions;**

13 **“(d) Identify areas where fugitive emissions can be reduced; and**

14 **“(e) Develop and include definitions for ‘fugitive emissions,’ ‘anthropogenic methane’ and**
15 **‘biogenic methane.’**

16 **“(3) In conducting the study the Department of Environmental Quality shall consider:**

17 **“(a) Currently available national data on fugitive emissions, including data from the**
18 **United States Environmental Protection Agency.**

19 **“(b) Regional characteristics of natural gas delivery systems, including pipeline type and**
20 **age.**

21 **“(c) Existing programs to reduce fugitive emissions.**

22 **“(d) The emission factors used in the Environmental Protection Agency’s Inventory of**
23 **U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks and Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program.**

24 **“(e) The supply chain of natural gas consumed in Oregon, including:**

25 **“(A) Procurement pathways for utilities in Oregon, including:**

26 **“(i) Regulations related to fugitive emissions in the regions that produce and supply**
27 **Oregon’s natural gas; and**

28 **“(ii) Utility-specific procurement standards related to fugitive emissions, including stan-**
29 **dards at the source of generation and through pipeline infrastructure.**

30 **“(B) The lifecycle emissions of natural gas delivered to Oregon, using resources derived**
31 **from regional government and federal regulatory bodies that provide protocols for measuring**
32 **fugitive emissions and regional analyses.**

33 **“(f) National industrial and public policy trends.**

34 **“(g) Fugitive emissions associated with renewable natural gas, including renewable na-**
35 **tural gas feedstocks.**

1 “SECTION 2. No later than November 15, 2022, the Department of Environmental Quality
2 shall provide the results of the study conducted under section 1 of this 2021 Act and recom-
3 mendations for legislation to protect and minimize the adverse impacts of fugitive methane
4 emissions on public health, safety and welfare and the environment in a report to the interim
5 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment in the manner provided
6 under ORS 192.245.

7 “SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

8 “SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
9 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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