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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon is NEUTRAL on SB 685
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB685

I AM NEUTRAL on [SB 685].

From the Text of [SB 685], "...(d) The project's impact on health or the environment. The commission shall evaluate the potential health risks of the project associated with potential hydrogen leakage and with using or burning hydrogen in residential dwelling or buildings.

(e) Emergency management. The commission shall require an applicant to provide notice of the project and maintain insurance and bond in an amount sufficient in case of an explosion, property damage or injury or loss of life."

Approximately [15] years ago a Natural gas pipeline in San Bruno, California, owned by Pacific Gas & Electric exploded, killing [8] people and reducing part of the city to rubble.

Today, [SB 685] discusses the possibility of Hydrogen gas be blended with Natural Gas as a fuel source to be used in residential applications, amongst others.

O.K., blending Hydrogen gas with Natural gas will make natural gas "cleaner" and hotter. Should an explosion occur the resulting fires would reduce affected humans into crispy critters in no time flat.

I support the Hydrogen community's efforts to create a cleaner fuel.

I have valid concerns on the status of aging pipelines.

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