

Dear Representative Lively and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am writing in support of SB 685 which requires a public notice if hydrogen is incorporated into methane/natural gas supplies to homes. It's unclear what the consequences are of incorporating hydrogen into gas supplies will be for indoor air quality, pipeline integrity, and public safety. While the gas companies are rolling the dice on hydrogen, it only seems fair that the public and PUC be aware of what they are doing so the consequences can be monitored. In addition, as natural gas prices have risen precipitously in the last few years, I think it is important to ensure that the additional costs of hydrogen, if any, not be passed along to consumers.

This bill has already passed the Senate with bipartisan support and deserves a similar fate in the House. Please approve it and move it to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

Gary Reiness