

State Corporation Commission 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB987

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Watkins

3. Committee Senate Floor

4. Title Gas pipeline safety.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Gas pipeline safety. Authorizes the State Corporation Commission to act for the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to implement federal pipeline safety laws with respect to municipal gas systems. The Commission is not authorized to impose civil penalties or fines on any locality, or to regulate the rates, terms, and conditions of service of any locality providing gas service, except as otherwise provided. As the Commission's pipeline safety program currently covers investor-owned and master-metered systems and intrastate hazardous liquid pipelines, this measure gives the Commission safety jurisdiction over all intrastate gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities. The measure also relocates provisions currently located in other Code sections, that address violations of pipeline safety codes and pipelines that transport landfill gas, into one Code section.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2004-05	-	-	-
2005-06	\$70,000	1	Special Fund/Federal Funds*
2006-07	\$140,000	2**	“ “
2007-08	\$210,000	3**	“ “
2008-09	“	“	“ “
2009-10	“	“	“ “
2010-11	“	“	“ “

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: * Up to 50% of the cost will be provided by a Federal Grant.
**The need for additional positions would depend on the number of jurisdictional non-utility systems identified.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission and its Division of Utility and Railroad Safety

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: This bill was introduced at the request of the State Corporation Commission at the suggestion of the federal Office of Pipeline Safety.

This bill was reported out of committee January 24, 2005, with a substitute. Another fiscal impact statement will be prepared for the substitute version of the bill.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety