

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Hodge

Bill Status: Senate Local Government

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW MATTERS RELATING TO PIPELINE SAFETY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$35,525	
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:		
Local Government Impact:		

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a legislative interim committee to address oil and gas pipeline safety and to review and propose bills on that topic. The Pipeline Safety Review Committee must convene stakeholders, request briefings from regulatory agencies and information from other sources, make determinations, and consider other issues. It is authorized to meet up to 6 times during the interim; consult with experts, including state personnel; and propose up to 3 bills.

The committee consists of 11 members, including 10 members of the General Assembly and 1 member appointed by the Governor. Findings and recommendations must be submitted by November 11, 2013, and the committee is repealed on July 1, 2014.

Interim Committees. Legislative Department appropriations support a limited number of interim committees each year. Funding is available for 4 committees during the 2013 interim. If the interim committee established by this bill is prioritized by the Legislative Council as 1 of the 4 interim studies for 2013, no additional appropriation is necessary. However, if the committee is not prioritized, a separate appropriation will be required. The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet on Friday, April 26, 2013, to prioritize 2013 interim studies.

State Expenditures

The interim committee created by this bill will incur costs for per diem and expense reimbursement for members and for staff support, as are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Interim Committee Expenditures Under SB13-275	
Cost Components	FY 2013-14
Personal Services <i>Research Associate II (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)</i>	\$23,645
Legislator Per Diem/Expenses (10 members x \$198 x 6 meetings)	\$11,880
TOTAL	\$35,525

The committee must request briefings from the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in the Department of Natural Resources and the Public Utilities Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Preparing and presenting briefings on current safety regulations for pipeline safety is part of the normal course of business for these agencies and will not require any additional appropriations. The committee must also request briefings from federal agencies, including the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Energy Regulation Commission.

State Appropriations

No new appropriations are required if the Pipeline Safety Review Committee is prioritized by the Legislative Council. If the committee is not prioritized, the Legislative Department will require a General Fund appropriation of \$53,525 and 0.4 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Legislature

Regulatory Agencies