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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 232**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF LEAKAGE FROM GAS PIPELINES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits gas companies from recovering costs associated with the leaked gas component of lost and unaccounted for (LAUF) gas. In general, LAUF gas is the difference between the amount of gas that enters a gas company's distribution system and the amount actually delivered to the company's customers or used for other known purposes.

The bill also alters the threshold amount of LAUF gas that requires the Public Utilities and Regulatory Authority (PURA) to investigate a gas company (i.e., initiate a docket). Current law requires PURA to conduct an investigation if a gas company's LAUF gas exceeds 3% in a calendar year. The bill instead limits investigations to companies whose leaked gas, which is a component of LAUF gas, exceeds 1% in a calendar year.

During the PURA investigation, existing law requires the gas company to reports its (1) leak detection and monitoring procedures, (2) emissions reduction strategies in addition to leak repair, and (3) any other requirements PURA deems relevant. Additionally, PURA must establish a cost mechanism to comply with required greenhouse gas reductions and encourage the company to reduce its LAUF gas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 1 (02/25/2019)

