

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-94
AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO GAS PIPELINE
Title: PROCESSES.
Vote Date: 3/22/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/24/2022
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

[Rep. Michael A. Winkler, 56th Dist.](#)
[Rep. Travis Simms, 140th Dist.](#)

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill changes language in the general statutes to give PURA the ability to investigate, create protocols for, and punish those involved in the transportation of gas. This is done to ensure that PURA can confirm that all codes and safety protocols are being upheld. Additionally, the bill gives instruction regarding the abatement of potentially hazardous conditions should safety protocols not be followed. This is done to ensure that the responsible parties know what actions they must take in order to clear any potential danger.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Coleman, Claire - Interim Consumer Counsel - Office of Consumer Counsel:

- Supports the bill, stressing the importance of gas safety protocols and keeping companies involved with gas accountable. States that the expansion of PURA's authority, as described in the bill, would assist in keeping the public safe.

Gillett, Marrison - Chairman - PURA:

- Supports the bill, stating that allowing PURA oversight over municipal systems and propane operations holds great importance.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Glassman, Kimberly - Director - Foundation for Fair Contracting of CT:

- Supports the bill and offers a language change regarding PURA's decision making process regarding contract extensions.

Lynch, Cary - Climate and Policy Manager - The Nature Conservancy:

- Supports the bill, stating that an expansion of PURA's authority only serves to make the state safer.

Schubert, Don - CCIA - Supports Section 11:

- Supports section 11 of this bill, stating that it will improve construction safety, which should be the industry's foremost goal.

Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut:

- Supports the bill, stating that it takes proactive members in ensuring PURA maintains safety in what can be a hazardous field.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Submitted

Reported by: Trenton Kapij

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