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First Engrossment

Subject Pipeline and utility regulations; prevailing wage

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Overview

This bill amends requirements related to work near pipelines or underground and prevailing wage on some broadband projects. Effective August 1, 2024.

Summary

Section Description

1 Authority of Office of Pipeline Safety.

Makes technical changes, to update obsolete references to federal law.

2 Utility corridor.

Defines "utility corridor" in the chapter of statutes on pipeline safety, to refer to areas of land that provide access to utility infrastructure or to underground lines or utilities.

3 Delegated duties.

Makes technical changes, to update obsolete references to federal law.

4 Adoption of federal pipeline inspection rules.

Sets requirements for individuals who perform work near a utility corridor, to require (1) qualifications as established in federal regulations on pipeline facilities, and (2) drug and alcohol testing as provided under federal regulations adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Makes technical changes, to update obsolete references to federal law.

5 **Repealer.**

Repeals an exemption from prevailing wage requirements for broadband projects funded through the state Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program that connect a provider's broadband network to a customer's premises.



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