

5182-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, McDonald, Fraser, Morton, Eide, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Brief Description: Ensuring a sustainable, comprehensive pipeline safety program in the state.

**SB 5182-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares the intent of this act is to ensure a sustainable, comprehensive, pipeline safety program, to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the state of Washington, and maintain the quality of the state's environment.

Finds that public safety and the environment are best protected by securing permanent funding for this program through establishment of a regulatory fee imposed on hazardous liquids and gas pipelines.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to review staff use, inspection activity, fee methodology, and costs of the hazardous liquid and gas pipeline safety programs and report to the appropriate legislative committees by July 1, 2003. The report shall include a comparison of interstate and intrastate programs, including but not limited to the number and complexity of regular and specialized inspections, mapping requirements for each program, and allocation of administrative costs to each program.

Repeals RCW 81.88.130.