

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2533

6 By: Watson

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8 An Act relating to pipelines; directing the  
9 Corporation Commission to open a Notice of Inquiry  
10 relating to pipeline safety and prevention of  
11 excavation damage; providing for participation of  
12 interested parties; listing topics to be included in  
13 the Notice of Inquiry; requiring certain findings and  
14 report to be incorporated into the Notice of Inquiry;  
15 providing for noncodification; and declaring an  
16 emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 A. The Corporation Commission shall open a Notice of Inquiry  
21 process relating to pipeline safety and prevention of excavation  
22 damage.

23 B. The Commission shall invite interested parties to  
24 participate in the Notice of Inquiry, as the Commission deems  
appropriate, and shall address the following topics relating to  
pipeline safety issues:

1 1. Implementation of a complaint process under the regulatory  
2 authority of the Commission;

3 2. Assessing the adequacy of the current enforcement powers of  
4 the Commission;

5 3. Clarifying private rights-of-action in legal proceedings;  
6 and

7 4. Any other issues the Commission deems necessary as related  
8 to rules of the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline  
9 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

10 C. The preliminary findings and any final report of the  
11 Pipeline Safety Task Force established by the Governor in Executive  
12 Order No. 2013-19 shall be incorporated into the Notice of Inquiry  
13 process opened by the Commission pursuant to this section.

14 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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