

MINUTES
HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Ehardt, Vice Chairman Kingsley, Representatives Clow, Erickson, Skaug, Weber, Alfieri, Cheatum, Cornilles, Dixon(24), Hawkins, Healey, Price, Wroten, Berch, Green, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Alfieri and Rep. Skaug

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Ehardt called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1061: **Rep. Cheatum** presented **S 1061**, which aims to help inform and protect in regards to natural gas and petroleum pipelines. There are currently four natural gas and petroleum pipelines in Idaho, with these having been built between fifty to seventy years ago. These pipelines were initially built far from developed areas, and have experienced development near or around the pipelines due to the growth in the state. This legislation would require pipeline companies to inform county governments the locations of these pipelines and maps of where the pipelines are located. If there is development within one thousand feet of a pipeline, the county will be required to inform the pipeline company, developers, and property owners.

MOTION: **Rep. Weber** made a motion to send **S 1061** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

When answering questions, **Rep. Cheatum** yielded his time to **Senator Schroeder**. He stated **S 1061** would not require a board to be created, but would require a pipeline company to designate three natural people to act on the companies behalf, and who would be the ones notified by a county government when there is development near their pipeline. He clarified the term natural person would be an individual, while the term legal person could include an individual or a company.

Tayla Snapp, representing TC Energy, testified in support of **S 1061**. She stated they have a natural gas pipeline that goes across three Idaho counties. With these counties having experienced much growth and development since the pipeline was built, this bill will allow advanced notification to TC Energy of development near or at their pipeline, which will help ensure safety of their operators and current and future neighbors. Similar bills have become law in other states, and will provide an improved notification process.

When answering questions, **Ms. Snapp** clarified, when people call 811, companies like TC Energy have two days to respond and mark where their pipeline is located. This process is the same whether its for a mailbox being installed or a developer constructing several hundred new homes. **Senator Schroeder** clarified **S 1061** would add pipeline companies to the list of entities counties would be required to notify when there is development in an area.

Ron William, representing Marathon Petroleum Pipeline, testified in support of **S 1061**. He stated their petroleum pipeline run across southern Idaho, and this legislation would allow everyone to know where the pipelines are and solves a safety and notification issue. When future developments move forward, this will ensure developers and home owners are aware and can take into account the pipeline in their area.

Rep. Cheatum stated **S 1061** will provide a simple fix, and will help prevent a possible safety issue by ensuring developers and county governments are aware of pipelines' locations in their areas.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Ehardt called a vote on the motion to send **S 1061** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cheatum** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Representative Ehardt
Chair

Elijah Phipps
Secretary