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SENATE BILL 6075

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By Senators Baumgartner, Ericksen, Dandel, Benton, and Braun

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Environment & Telecommunications.

1            AN ACT Relating to studying the siting and construction of  
2 pipelines for the transport of crude oil and related products in  
3 Washington; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

5            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that North American  
7 crude oil and the various products derived from it are important and  
8 necessary for Washington's economic health and growth, the freedom  
9 and mobility of the people of the state, and the energy independence  
10 of the nation. The legislature further finds that Washington's state  
11 government should thoroughly examine the best, safest, and most  
12 convenient means for transporting oil through the state. Moreover,  
13 the legislature recognizes that any method for transporting oil  
14 involves benefits and risks that must be fully considered by state  
15 policymakers.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) The energy facility site evaluation  
17 council shall study matters relating to the siting and construction  
18 of pipelines for transporting crude oil and related products in  
19 Washington. The study must include the following elements: (a) An  
20 examination and report on the amount of North American crude oil

1 entering Washington per year over the past five years; (b) an  
2 assessment of the share of North American crude oil annually entering  
3 Washington that could potentially be transported by pipeline if  
4 additional pipeline infrastructure was constructed; (c) an evaluation  
5 of federal, state, and local processes, permits, and other approvals  
6 that would be necessary for the siting and construction of pipelines  
7 in Washington; (d) recommendations for streamlining permitting  
8 processes, including the development of general or programmatic  
9 permits, to facilitate the siting and construction of pipelines in  
10 Washington; (e) a comparison of the benefits and costs, including  
11 safety and economic impacts, of transporting crude oil through  
12 Washington by pipeline versus other methods of transport; and (f) a  
13 general survey of potential pipeline routes through the state where  
14 pipelines could potentially be sited and constructed.

15 (2) The energy facility site evaluation council must consult with  
16 the department of ecology, the utilities and transportation  
17 commission, the department of natural resources, the department of  
18 fish and wildlife, and other appropriate state agencies for the  
19 completion of the study required in subsection (1) of this  
20 section. The energy facility site evaluation council may, where  
21 appropriate, consult with appropriate federal and local agencies and  
22 tribes for the completion of the study required in subsection (1) of  
23 this section.

24 (3) The energy facility site evaluation council shall provide the  
25 final study to the legislature and governor by December 1, 2015.

26 (4) The energy facility site evaluation council may contract for  
27 services to assist in the study.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
29 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
30 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, from the general fund to the  
31 energy facility site evaluation council for the purposes of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
34 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
35 effect immediately.

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