Committee on Transportation & Energy.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB19-181 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 6, strike lines 9 through 17 and substitute "EMISSIONS OF METHANE AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS, VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, AND OXIDES OF NITROGEN FROM FACILITIES IN ALL SEGMENTS OF THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CHAIN.

(b) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW ITS LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR RULES FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS WELL PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND COMPRESSOR STATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER ADOPTING MORE STRINGENT PROVISIONS, INCLUDING:

(A) A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL OIL AND NATURAL GAS WELL PRODUCTION FACILITIES MUST CONDUCT, AT A MINIMUM, SEMI-ANNUAL LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR INSPECTIONS;

(B) A REQUIREMENT THAT OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF OIL AND GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES AND COMPRESSOR STATIONS MUST INSPECT AND MAINTAIN ALL EQUIPMENT AND PIPELINES ON A REGULAR BASIS; AND

(C) A REQUIREMENT THAT OIL AND NATURAL GAS OPERATORS MUST INSTALL AND OPERATE CONTINUOUS METHANE EMISSIONS MONITORS AT FACILITIES WITH LARGE EMISSIONS POTENTIAL, AT MULTI-WELL FACILITIES, AND AT FACILITIES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OCCUPIED DWELLINGS."

Page 7, strike lines 14 through 17 and substitute: "(g) Regulating the use of land on the basis of the impact thereof of the use on the community or surrounding areas; and".
"(18) The Commission shall promulgate rules to ensure proper wellbore integrity of all oil and gas production wells. In promulgating the rules, the Commission shall consider incorporating recommendations from the State Oil and Gas Regulatory Exchange and shall include provisions to:

(a) Address the permitting, construction, operation, and closure of production wells;
(b) Require that wells are constructed using current practices and standards that protect water zones and prevent blowouts;
(c) Enhance safety and environmental protections during operations such as drilling and hydraulic fracturing;
(d) Require regular integrity assessments for all oil and gas production wells, such as pressure monitoring during production; and
(e) Address the use of nondestructive testing of well joints."

Page 22, line 14, strike "AND, IF NECESSARY," and substitute "AND".

Page 22, line 16, before "TO" insert "TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY".

Page 22, after line 24 insert:

"(20) The Commission shall adopt rules to require certification for workers in the following fields:

(a) Compliance officers with regard to the Federal "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970", 29 U.S.C. sec. 651 et seq., including specifically working in confined spaces;
(b) Compliance officers with regard to codes published by the American Petroleum Institute and American Society of Mechanical Engineers, or their successor organizations;
(c) The handling of hazardous materials;
(d) Welders working on oil and gas process lines, including:
(I) Knowledge of the flowline rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (19) of this section;
(II) A MINIMUM OF SEVEN THOUSAND HOURS OF DOCUMENTED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING; AND

(III) PASSAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL EXAM F31, NATIONAL STANDARD JOURNEYMAN MECHANICAL, OR AN ANALOGOUS SUCCESSOR EXAM, FOR ANY PERSON WORKING ON PRESSURIZED PROCESS LINES IN UPSTREAM AND MIDSTREAM OPERATIONS."