



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 9, 2000**

**Motion 10841**

**Proposed No.** 2000-0086.1

**Sponsors** Hague, Nickels, McKenna,  
Phillips, Fimia, Sullivan, von  
Reichbauer, Miller and Irons

1                   A MOTION asking Congress to work with counties and  
2                   cities in their review and reauthorization of the federal  
3                   Pipeline Safety Program.

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6                   WHEREAS, concern about pipeline safety has been expressed by municipalities  
7                   within King County, and

8                   WHEREAS, the 106th Congress is in the process of review and reauthorization of  
9                   the federal Pipeline Safety Program, and

10                   WHEREAS, the current federal program and the congressional reauthorization  
11                   process provides for a role for state and local governments to participate in establishing  
12                   pipeline safety activities and standards;

13                   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

14                   The council finds that the safety of petroleum and natural gas pipelines is of  
15                   immense importance to the welfare of cities and their residents and, therefore, Congress  
16                   is requested to:

17                   A. Evaluate amending the Pipeline Safety Act to allow states flexibility to impose

18 safety requirements beyond the federal requirements;

19 B. Hold oversight hearings concerning the Office of Pipeline Safety's evaluation  
20 of the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendations to develop rules for  
21 periodic testing and OPS compliance with Congressional directives to define  
22 "environmentally sensitive areas" and "high density population areas," and

23 C. Review rules regarding pipeline operation, maintenance, and public reporting  
24 and consider strengthening those rules by including:

25 1. Requirements for federal certification of operator training and qualifications;  
26 2. Increased inspection requirements for pipeline corrosion;  
27 3. Requirements for study and implementation of state-of-the-art leak detection  
28 systems;

29 4. Requirements for installation of effective fail safe mechanisms;

30 5. Safety standards for liquid fuel pipelines that are at least as stringent as those  
31 for natural gas pipelines;

32 6. Requirements for pipeline operators to report to the Office of Pipeline Safety  
33 and affected jurisdictions all spills except those spills truly de minimis in nature;

34 7. Requirements for pipeline operators to disclose to local and state authorities  
35 the results of all pipeline inspections;

36 8. A requirement for the Office of Pipeline Safety to work with local emergency  
37 response providers to develop preparedness and response plans, and provide appropriate  
38 funding support to local jurisdictions to implement such plans;

39 9. Periodic management audits of pipeline companies to assure compliance with  
40 the foregoing; and

41                    10. Enhanced funding to federal agencies charged with the oversight of pipeline  
42 safety laws and regulations.

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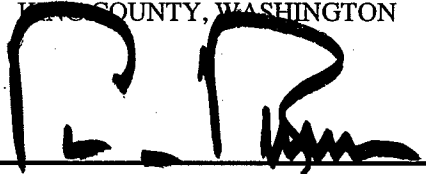
Motion 10841 was introduced on 1/31/00 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/7/00,  
by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna,  
Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Janet Masuo, Deputy Clerk of the Council

Attachments None