

Introducing SB 108

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NEW SB 108 Public Utilities Commission Gas Utility Safety Inspection Authority (Sen. Story,) introduced Feb. 18 and assigned to Transportation and Energy. (Support)

This bill increases and clarifies the rulemaking and enforcement authority of the Public Utilities Commission and will eliminate a gray area that gathering gas lines fall into, where neither the Public Utilities Commission nor the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission were inspecting. This bill will give the PUC authority to do so by protecting homeowners and businesses close to pipelines.

This bill clarifies and updates the PUC to collaborate on safe pipeline issues and comply with local and federal safety guidelines, while also amending existing penalties for pipeline safety violations. The League believes that environmental planning and management should include co-operation and co-ordination among state agencies to create a clean and healthy environment for everyone.