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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to liquefied carbon pipeline project
2 requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 479B.4, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A pipeline company doing business in this state shall
4 file a verified petition with the board asking for a permit to
5 construct, maintain, and operate a new pipeline along, over,
6 or across the public or private highways, grounds, waters,
7 and streams of any kind in this state. Any pipeline company
8 now owning or operating a pipeline or underground storage
9 facility in this state shall be issued a permit by the board
10 upon supplying the information as provided for in section
11 479B.5, subsections 1 through 5, and meeting the requirements
12 of [section 479B.13](#) and this section.

13 Sec. 2. Section 479B.4, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsections:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. Notwithstanding any other provision
16 of this chapter, a pipeline company filing a petition with
17 the board for a permit to construct a carbon capture pipeline
18 project shall not be approved unless the company certifies to
19 the board the intent to do all of the following:

20 a. Maintaining transported gases permanently sequestered
21 underground.

22 b. Permanently restoring wetlands, woodlands, prairie,
23 rivers, streams, and other natural resources damaged as a
24 result of pipeline construction, operation, or abandonment.

25 c. Restoring farmland productivity disturbed as a result of
26 pipeline construction, operation, or abandonment.

27 d. Adhering to relevant health and safety provisions adopted
28 by a state agency.

29 e. Adhering to setback requirements and related safety
30 provisions in local ordinances adopted by the board of
31 supervisors of counties in which the company is installing the
32 pipeline project.

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. A pipeline company seeking to transport
34 liquefied carbon dioxide shall demonstrate by clear and
35 convincing evidence before board approval of a permit pursuant

1 to this chapter that the project shall result in significant
2 net life cycle reduction in atmospheric carbon dioxide,
3 pursuant to a state climate action plan adopted by the general
4 assembly.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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8 This bill relates to liquefied carbon capture pipeline
9 approved requirements.

10 The bill provides that in an application for a permit to
11 construct a carbon capture pipeline, a pipeline company shall
12 certify the intent to comply with certain requirements prior
13 to approval by the Iowa utilities board. The bill requires a
14 pipeline company to permanently sequester transported gases,
15 restore damage to natural areas and farmland as a result
16 of pipeline activity, and adhere to state and local health
17 ordinances. Before the Iowa utilities board issues a permit
18 for pipeline construction, a pipeline company shall demonstrate
19 by clear and convincing evidence that the project will result
20 in a significant reduction in atmospheric carbon, pursuant to a
21 state climate action plan.