

HB 1292
House Energy and Natural Resources

I am in support of HB1292

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

I am in support of eliminating common carrier status of carbon dioxide pipelines' owners', operators', or managers'.

According to Black's Law Dictionary, a common carrier is defined as a company that offers services to the public over wires or satellite systems or a transporter that serves all public, follows a schedule, and carries specified goods or people. In legal terms, a common carrier holds itself out to provide service to the general public without discrimination and is responsible for any loss of goods during transport. It must demonstrate to a regulatory body that it is "fit, willing, and able" to provide those services for which it is granted authority. Common carriers typically transport persons or goods according to defined and published routes, time schedules, and rate tables upon the approval of regulators.

We have seen too many times when companies come in with a project that is part of some new environmental scheme that they are given common carrier status to separate the people from their land. CO2 pipelines do not fall in the definition and are not a benefit to the public.

I urge a Do Pass on HB1292

Thank you for your time,
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