

AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. _____
(PIPELINE SAFETY, MODERNIZATION, AND
EXPANSION ACT OF 2024)
OFFERED BY M. _____

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

2 (a) **ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOY-**
3 **EES.**—In addition to the personnel level authorized for the
4 Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
5 as of the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
6 of such Administration may increase the number of full-
7 time equivalent employees in the Office of Pipeline Safety
8 by not more than 30 positions for employees who have
9 advanced engineering, scientific, or other technical exper-
10 tise (or equivalent experience) to—

11 (1) develop and implement pipeline safety poli-
12 cies and regulations; and

13 (2) fulfill congressional rulemaking mandates.

14 (b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 1 year after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
16 portation shall submit to Congress a report on—

1 (1) any progress made on implementation of
2 subsection (a);

3 (2) the implementation of the recruitment and
4 retention incentives authorized in section 102 of the
5 PIPES Act of 2020 (49 U.S.C. 60101 note);

6 (3) barriers and challenges to hiring and reten-
7 tion at the Administration;

8 (4) staffing levels of inspection and enforcement
9 personnel of the Administration; and

10 (5) any additional workforce needs of the Ad-
11 ministration.

12 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING REGULATION.—Section
13 102(c) of the PIPES Act of 2020 (49 U.S.C. 60101 note)
14 is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(3) EFFECT ON EXISTING REGULATION.—In
17 implementing the incentives described in paragraph
18 (1), the Secretary, in consultation with the Adminis-
19 trator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safe-
20 ty Administration, may waive existing regulations.”.

