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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Holmes and members of the House Energy and Utilities Committee
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Senate Bill 374

SB 374 amends K.S.A. 66-1,150, 66-1,151 and 66-1,153 concerning the regulation of natural gas pipeline systems. The bill updates the reference to the natural gas pipeline safety act to the current statutory citation. The bill also increases the maximum civil penalty from \$500,000 to \$1 million for violations of any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act. Lastly, under current law, every public utility that operates a natural gas pipeline in Kansas is required to pay an inspection fee to the commission. The bill changes this requirement to apply to every person that operates a natural gas pipeline in Kansas. The other changes in the bill are technical in nature.